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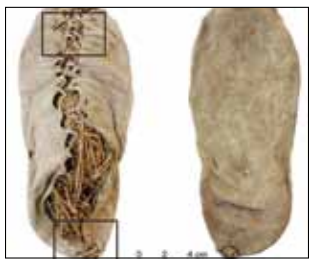

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Economic indices lowest in 5 yrs.

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From business gross sales to exports, imports and hotel occupancy rate, the CNMI's major economic indicators have dramatically dropped in at least the last five calendar years, mainly due to the death of the garment industry and the steady drop in tourist arrivals.

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From 2005 to 2009:

- BGR: $2B to $1.55B
- Garment exports: $650.8M to $3.14M
- Imports: 605,500 to 220,880 tons
- Tourist arrivals: 491,701 to 353,956
- Hotel occupancy: 70 percent to 58.3 percent
- Bank deposits: $523.70M to $445.42M
- Bank loans: $193.80M to $127.71M
- Remittances: $112.6M to $64.7M
- Automotive sales: 1,885 to 610
- Telephone lines: 31,752 to 28,697
- Building permits: 350 to 120
- Construction projects: $28.89M to $2.33M

Source: Department of Commerce

RETROFITTING PROJECT
Government officials led by Commerce Secretary Michael Ada, who is the CNMI lead for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects, take part in a ceremony to officially switch on the ARRA-funded retrofitted lighting at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe yesterday afternoon, that will result in energy efficiency and lower power bills.

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Man dies in As Perdido car crash

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Asuncion

A security guard who was on his way to a second job was killed when his pickup truck veered off As Perdido Road and slammed into a gutter yesterday morning.

Atanacio Tabuso Asuncion, 45, Filipino, of San Antonio, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Commonwealth Health Center. He sustained a crushed chest, laceration on the forehead,

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Fernandez, Waldo eye PSS finance chief post

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Fernandez

Former Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez and former Public School System finance director Richard Waldo are vying to become the next finance chief for PSS.

The two have already submitted their applications and have been interviewed by the

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PROMPTED BY FITIAL REQUESTS TO DPL, CDA

DPL remits $2.5M to central govt

» **$1.5M paid so far to CUC this week**

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked the Department of Public Lands and the Commonwealth Development Authority yesterday to remit payments due the central government so that it can, in turn, pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for immediately needed fuel purchases.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said DPL remitted $2.5 million to the central government yester-

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IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

FHB to donate $40K in scholarships for local students

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From left, Chris Perez, University of Guam regent; Marcos Fong, UoG regent; Dr. Helen Whippy, UoG senior vice president; Robert S. Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank president and chief operating officer; Dr. Robert A. Underwood, UoG president; Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay, FHB senior vice president/Guam & CNMI region manager; Donald G. Horner, FHB chairman and chief executive officer; Raymond S. Ono, FHB vice chairman and chief banking officer.

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—In celebration of its 40th anniversary in Micronesia, First Hawaiian Bank will be donating $40,000 in scholarships to the University of Guam to deserving students in Guam and Saipan, according to an announcement yesterday by Don Horner, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and chief executive officer. Horner is on island to celebrate the bank's 40th anniversary.

A total of forty $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 2010 graduates of public and private high schools on Guam and Saipan. The scholarships will be awarded to the students based on need. Applications will be available beginning July 1, 2010, through the University of Guam's Admissions Office.

"Our young people represent Guam's greatest strategic asset. We view these scholarship monies as an investment in Guam's bright future," Horner said.

"It is a mark of First Hawaiian Bank's generosity and continuing contribution to our island's growth to invest their resources into where it matters the most; higher education. The University is grateful and future generations will benefit from this terrific contribution," said Dr. Robert A. Underwood, president, University of Guam.

First Hawaiian Bank is one of the top contributors to local charities in Micronesia. In addition to financial support, the bank encourages its employees to volunteer their time and talent by serving on non-profit boards and routinely gives them time off to support these non-profit causes for the benefit of its local communities. Each year the bank's employees donate over a half million dollars to local charities in Hawaii, Guam and Saipan through its in-house employee giving campaign called, "Kokua Mai."

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The University of Guam was founded in 1952 and is the only U.S. accredited four-year university within the Western Pacific. A U.S. land-grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the university offers 35 undergraduate and 15 graduate level degree programs. UOG was recently awarded an eight-year accreditation in 2009 and has a student enrollment of over 3550 (Fall 2009), the highest enrollment since 2000. ***(FHB)***

JKPL unveils energy-efficient lights

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library expects to lower its power costs beginning this month with the completion of a project to install new, energy-efficient lights throughout the building.

The new Energy Star-rated T-8 lights mark a new beginning for the library, with energy consumption projected to drop by an estimated 10 to 25 percent, according to project managers Adam Lortz and Jose Padilla.

The retrofitting project entailed replacing the T-12 lighting and magnetic ballasts with Energy Star-rated T-8 fluorescent lighting and matching electronic ballasts.

Red Rock, LLC began work on the project on May 23 and ended just a few days ago.

The library's power rates will be monitored in the next two to three months to confirm energy savings.

The library is only the first of three sites that will be retrofitted with new lighting fixtures. The Commonwealth Health Center and the legislative building are next in line for a green makeover.

"They've already started [with the other projects]. They're already working over at those two sites. All these buildings have the same need so we said, 'We're going to get all these buildings together' and we did it as an entire project," according to Lortz.

The company plans to finish work at the remaining two sites within 60 days for each site.

"The contract allows for 60 days [per site] and we're about three weeks into the second site. There's still a month and a week left, approximately," said Padilla, "It began almost a year ago to get the project underway and get funding. The actual execution of the project started in May. A lot of people came together to make this project [possible]."

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Sexual abuse victim wants life sentence, death for perpetrator

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"I want that man sentenced for life [or] to death!"

Thus said the statement of a girl who, along with her sister, endured years of sex abuse in the hands of 56-year-old Robert Kotep Shineachi. One of the victims became pregnant and gave birth as a result of the sexual abuse.

Consistent with the victim's request, Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona on Wednesday sentenced Shineachi to 25 years in prison for two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. Assuming he serves the entire sentence, Shineachi will be 80 years old before he is placed on probation.

"He will not be able to victimize these children any longer, and no other children will suffer at his hands," said Manglona in a written order issued yesterday.

After serving his sentence, Shineachi will be placed on 20 years of probation. He was ordered to register as a sex offender.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, Shineachi sexually abused a minor starting in 2001 and sexually abused another girl in 2008.

Shineachi pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as part of a plea agreement.

At the sentencing hearing, assistant attorney general William Downer produced a statement prepared by one of the victims. Manglona read the statement to Shineachi and entered it into the record.

Shineachi told the court he was sorry.

His lawyer, chief public defender Adam Hardwicke, told the court that when the plea agreement was reviewed in detail with his client, the victim's statement was read to him. He said Shineachi reacted with tears and a quivering of his lips.

In her statement, the victim said that ever since the incident happened to her, she's "always been and always will be in such pain and will always full of hatred towards that man."

"The only thing I want to know is why [did] he do it? And why me? I just don't understand it," she said.

She said it is very hard for her to concentrate in school and on other things when she is also thinking about her child. "And just for that, I want that man to be sentenced for life/to death," the victim said.

Manglona said Shineachi victimized not only one but two of the most protected members of any civilized society—the young, innocent, and defenseless children.

"By accepting this plea agreement with these sentence terms, the court recognizes that [Shineachi] will be effectively removed from the community for the rest of his natural life," Manglona said.

Recruiter in human smuggling case gets 12-month prison term

The federal court has imposed a 12-month prison term on Jian Li, who reportedly recruited 22 Chinese nationals in a plot to smuggle them from Saipan to Guam on a boat.

After serving his sentence, the 32-year-old Li will be deported to China.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Alsup remanded Li into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Li pleaded guilty to a count of attempting to bring an alien to the U.S. as part of a plea agreement.

According to the plea agreement, Li told an undercover federal agent acting as a boat captain in October 2009 that he wants to recruit and smuggle aliens from Saipan to Guam by boat.

Li asked co-defendant Qingmei Cheng to translate his conversations and negotiations with the undercover captain. Cheng voluntarily agreed to help as translator despite being told that the smuggling venture was illegal.

Li recruited 22 persons and charged a fee for his services.

On Jan. 5, 2010, Li boarded a boat with the 22 passengers he recruited, including Junhua Chen, in order to smuggle themselves to Guam. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested them as they were about to board the boat. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Stock conversion of CUC's debt with CPA approved

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission has approved the conversion of a large debt owed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. with the Commonwealth Development Authority into preferred stock that will be owned by the latter.

The stock swap reaffirms Georgetown Consulting Group's earlier recommendation.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae considers the decision a significant development for CUC's operations.

"This will make a big improvement on CUC's financial statement," he said yesterday.

While the issue dates back many years, its resolution is critical to the financial viability of CUC and its ability to finance the capital requirements it needs to upgrade and modernize its power, water, and wastewater systems. It is also necessary to bring CUC's water and wastewater systems into compliance with federal Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water acts.

Under the terms of the approved agreement, the CDA debt would be reduced to an amount of $45 million and converted to preferred stock. Once the commission makes a final approval, this will bring an end to past litigation related to CUC's repayment of loans made by CDA to CUC.

Among the key terms and conditions of the agreement include:

■ that CUC pays CDA dividends fixed at 2 percent annually, to be paid to CDA quarterly;

■ that dividends for the first three years are deferred and amortized interest-free over a 15-year term; and

■ CUC can buy back shares of its preferred stock at par value.

Saipan Tribune learned that the agreement contains two types of buyback provisions. The first is a standard buyback provision that allows CUC to buyback in whole or in part any of the outstanding preferred stock.

The second buyback provision states that CUC may offset up to $16.2 million of the then outstanding preferred stock by using internally generated funds to make capital investments in the electric, water, or wastewater system assets through a "dollar for dollar" offset.

CDA's participation in CUC's governance was also part of the agreement but since no CUC board exists at present, this provision remains on hold. However, once a new CUC board is formed, the CDA chair will automatically sit as one of its members.

Based on CUC's latest financial statement, the utilities firm is "insolvent"—liabilities exceed assets by an amount in excess of $70 million.

This deficiency is principally related to CUC's default on the CDA debt and, unless cured, hampers CUC's access to traditional short- and long-term credit markets.

FERNANDEZ

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committee this week. No decision has been made yet.

PSS has been operating without the finance director since 2007, when Waldo resigned from the post. This was during the tenure of former education chief Dr. David Borja.

Comptroller Lori Grizzard has been acting as the finance chief since then, until PSS hired financial consultant Ed Tenorio.

Saipan Tribune learned that efforts to fill the post were also hampered by the lack of funding in the past.

Fernandez's tenure at NMC officially ended on May 19 after the Board of Regents terminated her four-year contract in the wake of personnel issues and reports that she made unauthorized changes to some students' grades. Fernandez is now suing NMC and four regents for wrongful termination and defamation.

Fernandez has, in the past, served as vice president for finance and administrative services for Palomar College; a senator of Guam; vice president for administration and finance at the University of Guam; and other capacities at UoG.

Fernandez completed her bachelor and master's degrees in business management at the University of Guam, while she obtained a doctorate degree in business administration from the Nova Southeastern University.

Waldo, meantime, was the PSS finance chief during Borja's term. He retired from service in 2007.

Among his past jobs were public school teacher in Guam and CNMI, former vice principal, and director of finance.

He obtained a business management degree from the University of California Los Angeles and obtained his CPA license in New Hampshire.

ECONOMIC

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Business gross revenue—the total sales reported by CNMI businesses—among other indicators, dropped to a historic low of $1.552 billion in 2009.

From $2.020 billion in 2005, BGR consistently plummeted in the last five years. It fell below the $2 billion-mark in 2006 at $1.829 billion before dropping further to $1.672 billion in 2007. In 2008, it fell again to $1.668 billion before hitting $1.552 billion last year.

These figures are based on the CNMI quarterly economic indicators report for both the third and fourth quarters of calendar year 2009 that the Department of Commerce released yesterday afternoon.

The value of garment exports sharply dropped from $650.80 million in 2005 to a historic low of $3.14 million in 2009.

The last of the CNMI's garment factories closed in the first quarter of 2009. The CNMI garment industry produced clothing for global brands such as Tommy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Gap, Levi's, Abercrombie and Fitch, Polo Ralph Lauren, Ann Taylor, and Liz Claiborne.

The tonnage of imports to the CNMI—from petroleum, oil, and lubricants to cement, garment, food and beverages, and construction materials, among other things—also consistently decreased from 605,500 tons in 2005 to 220,880 in 2009.

"We anticipated such a decline due to the obvious external factors including, but not limited to, the demise of the garment industry and the impact on the tourism industry attributed to the SARS outbreak, the economic slump in Asia and the pullout of Japan Airlines," press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment on the newly released data.

Demapan, however, said the Fitial administration anticipates some economic improvements through projects funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants.

"And we remain optimistic that in due time, the tourism markets will begin to pick up," he added.

Tourist arrivals also steadily decreased in the last five years, from 491,701 in 2005 to only 353,956 in 2009, based on Marianas Visitors Authority data compiled by Commerce.

Japan, the CNMI's main tourism market, was the hardest hit with only 191,111 arrivals in 2009 from 351,739 in 2005.

The average hotel occupancy rate also hit its lowest in five years, at only 58.3 percent in 2009, from 70 percent in 2005, data from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands shows.

But while the average hotel occupancy rate dropped annually, the average daily rate charged by hotels increased. From $83 in 2005, it went up to $90 in 2006 and to $92.12 in 2007. It again went up to $97.74 in 2008, and decreased a bit in 2009 at $95.22.

Bank deposits also dropped from $523.70 million in 2005 to $445.42 million in 2009. Bank loans also decreased from $193.80 million in 2005 to $127.71 million last year, based on Commerce data collected from banks in the CNMI.

Remittances, mostly sent by foreign workers in the CNMI to their home country, also steadily went down in the last five years until it reached only $64.7 million in 2009.

Between 2005 and 2008, annual remittances ranged from $76.8 million to $112.6 million.

Automotive sales also dropped steadily—from 1,885 in 2005 to a historic low of 610 in 2009, based on data from the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association.

The number of telephone lines also reached only 28,697 in 2009, from 31,752 in 2005.

The number of building permits issued for commercial and residential purposes went down to only 120 in 2009 from 350 in 2005. The value of these construction projects also dropped from $28.89 million in 2005 to only $2.33 million in 2009.

The CNMI Department of Commerce's quarterly economic indicators report, which shows the figures for 2005 to 2009, is also consistent with the findings of a federal report on the CNMI's first ever gross domestic product data.

In a report released in May, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis said the CNMI's real GDP decreased at an average annual rate of 4.2 percent between 2002 and 2007.

The CNMI is the only one of four U.S. territories that experienced an economic contraction, with the total amount of products and services produced in the CNMI at $1.32 billion in 2002 and have steadily dropped until it reached only $962 million in 2007.

DPL

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day morning, after receiving a formal request letter from the governor also yesterday morning.

So far this week, the central government has paid CUC a total of $1.5 million—$300,000 on Tuesday and $1.2 million yesterday.

This means no power outages are expected this week because CUC will have enough fuel to run its power plants in the next few days. Fitial said his administration will continue to find money for CUC, which is now directly under the governor's office. After a week, CUC would need at least another $1.2 million to buy fuel.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately confirmed yesterday the $2.5 million remittance from DPL.

"While the remittance of DPL is confirmed, I have not received information confirming that CDA had made any remittance at this time. Besides these two agencies, I am not aware that such request has been made to any other agencies," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

CDA officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

Babauta, in a phone interview, said the $2.5 million is for reimbursement of administrative and utility costs incurred by DPL and shouldered by the central government for the entire Fiscal Year 2009, and the first two quarters of FY 2010.

"We are paying our CUC dues and amortizing our dues to the general fund since they're paying for our operational costs like personnel and administrative costs. In short, we are reimbursing the general fund," the former House speaker said.

Babauta said DPL programs such as homestead development projects will not be negatively affected as a result of the remittance of $2.5 million to the general fund.

"We are okay, we are stable… I also would like to make it clear that it's not only our department that's asked to remit what's due to the central government," he added.

Demapan said Fitial has asked that $1.5 million is to be allocated to CUC this week.

The central government already paid $300,000 to CUC on Tuesday, the same day the governor declared a state of emergency for the CNMI due to the lack of sufficient fuel to power the islands' generators and the imminent threat this poses to the continued supply of water and electrical services.

It paid CUC $1.2 million yesterday.

The emergency declaration suspends procurement and regulatory provisions to allow the governor to reprogram funds as necessary to meet emergency needs.

Demapan said the total $1.5 million from the central government covers payments from the Public School System and the executive branch utility billings.

"Of this amount, 50 percent is to be applied for payment of the Public School System utilities and the remaining 50 percent as payment for the CNMI government executive branch's utilities," Demapan added.

The government is CUC's biggest customer. The central government, PSS, and Northern Marianas College owe CUC $3.8 million in past due utility bills.

The governor said his administration does not want a repeat of the rolling blackouts, so he invoked his constitutional authority to declare a state of emergency so he can reprogram funds for CUC. Fitial also challenged his critics to come up with a solution better than an emergency declaration to be able to buy fuel for CUC.

CAR CRASH

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abrasions in the chest and abdomen, and a fractured left shoulder.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric F. David said investigators determined that speeding was a factor in the accident. Alcohol was ruled out as a factor.

Investigation showed that at 6:05am DPS received a call about a car crash along As Perdido Road.

David said the accident occurred on the westbound shoulder lane in the gutter located between the intersection of Triple "A" Recycling Center and Ogumoro's compound.

David said traffic officers responded to the scene and found a black 1990 Toyota Hilux pickup truck resting in the gutter and facing east.

The truck had moderate damage to the front left and left side. Officers found the driver, later identified as Asuncion, ejected from the driver's window with his seatbelt still wrapped around his left shoulder.

David said officers noticed that the driver was already dead.

Medics secured the victim and brought him to CHC.

David said preliminary investigation showed that Asuncion was traveling east when he lost control of his vehicle. The truck veered to the opposite lane, then collided with the gutter.

Asuncion was a security guard at Grand Poker in Gualo Rai and worked part-time as a newspaper delivery personnel for the *Saipan Tribune*.

When the accident happened, Asuncion was about to pick up newspapers from Elite Printing in Koblerville, his friends told *Saipan Tribune*.

Danny Bicera said Asuncion was a good neighbor and friend.

"He's a loving and supportive father of four children," said Bicera, who rushed to CHC after learning about the accident.

Another friend, Efren Barriga, said Asuncion would always drop by his house in China Town every morning to drink coffee after delivering newspapers to customers.

"He's a very nice person, a joker, and generous," said Barriga, adding that the victim paid for the renewal of his passport after he lost his job.

Asuncion's wife and their eldest child are now in the U.S. mainland. Their twins study at Hopwood Junior High, while their youngest is at the San Antonio Elementary School.

Barriga said Asuncion already had a green card and was planning to bring his three children and join his wife in the mainland.

Asuncion is the second vehicular fatality in the CNMI in 2010.

Last Jan. 2, a 16-year-old girl was killed in a moped crash on Tinian. She was a passenger of a scooter being driven by a 16-year-old boy.

In 2009, six people were killed in vehicular accidents in the Commonwealth. Last year's deadly crashes all occurred on Saipan.

'Use normal immigration process to improve status of foreign workers'

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Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan) has asked U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife to allow foreign workers in the CNMI to apply for permanent residency and eventual citizenship through the normal immigration process that's already in place, rather than through what he describes as a U.S. Congress "mandate of population control" in the Commonwealth.

Tebuteb

The U.S. Department of the Interior had recommended five options for permitting alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for at least five years to apply for long-term status under U.S. immigration laws. These options include conferring U.S. citizenship, granting permanent residency status leading to citizenship, and a status similar to those of the Freely Associated States citizens.

Bordallo

Tebuteb, in a letter to Subcommittee chair Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo of Guam, said the Interior report addresses the needs of the CNMI by providing a needed permanent population of workers in diverse fields and also raises the potential for new political alignments.

"However, the possibility of a significant increase in the non-Chamorro and non-Carolinian population may have adverse social consequences," Tebuteb told Bordallo.

Tebuteb is a Carolinian, which is one of two indigenous groups in the CNMI; the other is Chamorros.

Chamorros and Carolinians were conferred U.S. citizenship in 1986.

Tebuteb said the potential impact of reviving discriminatory practices, exemplified during the colonial period of the Spanish, Germans, Japanese and the Trust Territory, will have an adverse effect to all people in the CNMI –"majority and minority and most especially us, the Carolinian minority."

"It may be preferable to provide the necessary increase in population and work force through the normal immigration processes. The recommendations by DOI to leapfrog this process may fast track and may create potential adverse social climate," Tebuteb said.

Since the CNMI has not been subject to all the provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, some long-term adjustments will need to be made in the criteria and numerical limitations for both permanent residency and temporary work visas, said Tebuteb.

"Allowing permanent residency and eventual citizenship based on application through the immigration system will have greater acceptance than providing the same status by what is perceived to be a congressional mandate of population control," he added.

Bordallo's subcommittee held a May 18 public hearing in Washington, D.C. on the implementation of U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the federalization law in the CNMI.

The CNMI Senate will hold a series of public hearings on the Interior report, on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial wants a referendum on the Interior report and recommendation of improved status for alien workers.

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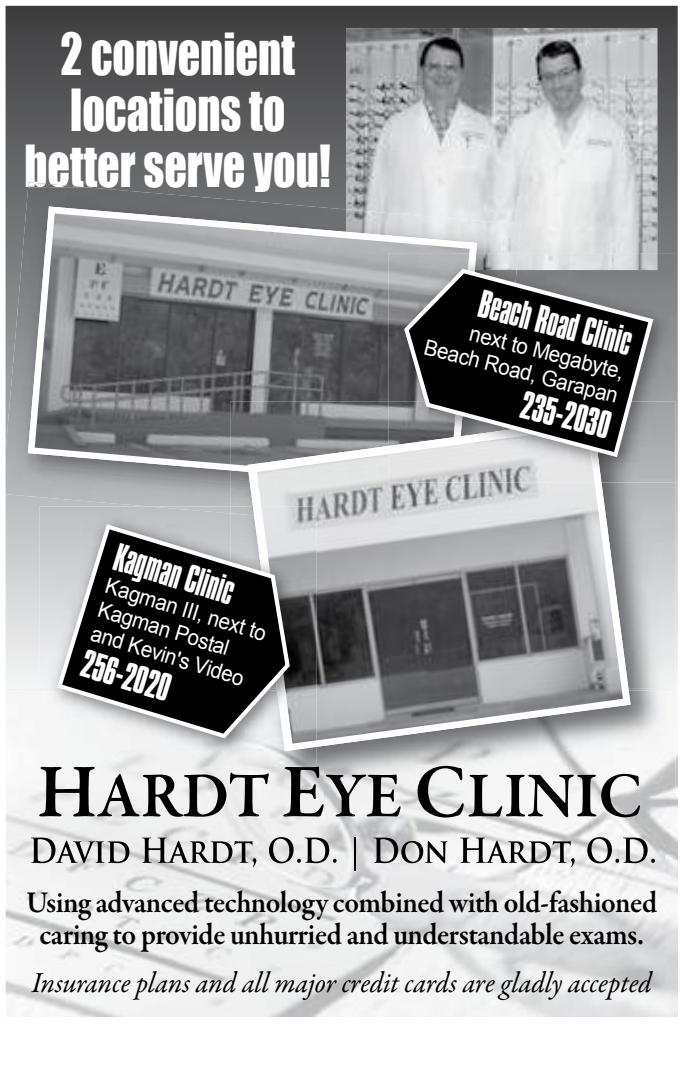
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Public comments sought on USCIS fee hike proposal

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REPORTER

Residents, businesses and other entities in the CNMI are encouraged to comment on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' proposed federal rule that would increase overall fees for immigration benefit applications and petitions by a weighted average of about 10 percent.

The proposal, however, does not include an increase in the fee for naturalization application.

Walter L. Haith, field director of the USCIS Guam and CNMI Field Office, said the proposed fee increases apply to those benefit applications and petitions filed in the CNMI office, and that CNMI residents can submit comments on these proposed fee adjustments.

The 45-day comment period begins June 11, 2010, and ends July 26, 2010.

The proposal is posted in the Federal Register, and USCIS encourages formal comments on the proposed rule through www.regulations.gov.

The proposed rate increases range anywhere between $5 and $900. Proposed new rates are as high as $6,230.

USCIS, one of the component agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is a fee-based organization with about 90 percent of its budget coming from fees paid by applicants and petitioners to obtain immigration benefits.

The law requires USCIS to conduct fee reviews every two years to determine whether it is recovering its costs to administer the nation's immigration laws, process applications, and provide the infrastructure needed to support those activities. This proposed rule results from a comprehensive fee review begun in 2009.

"We are mindful of the effect of a fee increase on the communities we serve and have worked hard to minimize the size of the proposed increase through budget cuts and other measures," USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas said in a statement yesterday.

Mayorkas said requesting and obtaining U.S. citizenship deserves special consideration given the unique nature of this benefit to the individual applicant, the significant public benefit to the nation, and the nation's proud tradition of welcoming new citizens.

"Recognizing the unique importance of naturalization, we propose that the naturalization application fee not be increased."

USCIS said its fee revenue in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 was much lower than projected, and fee revenue in FY 2010 remains low.

While USCIS received appropriations from Congress, budget cuts of approximately $160 million have not bridged the remaining gap between costs and anticipated revenue.

A fee adjustment, as detailed in the proposed rule, is necessary to ensure USCIS recovers the costs of its operations while also meeting the application processing goals identified in the 2007 fee rule, it said.

The proposed fee structure would establish three new fees, including a fee for regional center designations under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, a fee for individuals seeking civil surgeon designation and a fee to recover USCIS's cost of processing immigrant visas granted by the Department of State.

The proposed fee structure also reduces fees for certain individual applications and petitions as a result of lower processing costs.

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Missing man not cabbie but club manager

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Qi Run Li, the missing 24-year-old Chinese man, is not a taxi driver as earlier reported but the manager of a disco club in Garapan, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

A source in the Chinese community disclosed that Li runs the King's Disco, which opened only last month.

The source said the opening of King's Disco angered some neighbors because of the loud music and customers who keep singing until the wee hours of the morning.

"When some residents of the building complained that they could not sleep, Mr. Li would tell them they better move to another place," the source said.

Most of King's Disco's customers are Chinese, the source said.

When some customers don't have cars, the source said, Li would pick them up, which is why some people thought he is a taxi driver.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David confirmed yesterday that Li is the manager of King's Disco.

David said investigators have not provided him any developments in the case and that investigation is ongoing.

The nightclub is located on the second floor of the three-story building along Beach Road, Garapan. Li lives on the ground floor, next to the Rainbow Night Club.

Li was last seen driving his silver 2004 Toyota Corolla with license plate ADJ-932 Monday night toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town.

Li's disappearance was reported to DPS on Tuesday at 5:29am.

Police learned that on Monday at 7:30pm, Li received a call on his cell phone from a customer. The customer asked to be dropped off at Gold's Gym.

Li proceeded to Gold's Gym, but he was never seen again, police said.

On Tuesday at 11am, investigators found Li's car in the parking lot of a building previously occupied by Shirley's Restaurant across McDonald's on Middle Road. The car was unlocked, but the key was missing.

The King's Disco in Garapan where the missing Qi Run Li works as manager. Li lives on the ground floor. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

MARAD lawyer belies report on official backing for WSI

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A lawyer for the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration has belied a report that the agency has given its express support to Worldwide Salvage Inc.'s proposal to establish a ship disposal program on Saipan.

MARAD chief counsel Denise Krepp told *Saipan Tribune* that the agency has neither affirmed its confidence nor is it backing the company's plan to build a ship-dismantling facility in the CNMI, as earlier reported.

A June 3 letter, however, signed by MARAD contracting officer John Desch to WSI president and chief operating officer James McCollum states that "WSI has been recognized as being fully qualified to perform such ship dismantling since our acceptance of your upgraded offer of Nov. 11, 2009."

The same letter informed the company about the additional "scrubbing" requirement for all MARAD contracts for the dismantling of its surplus ships. Desch said that MARAD is ready to move forward on the WSI offer, but cannot do so until it receives the company's acceptance of the "scrubbing" requirement.

In a June 9 letter, however, MARAD's chief counsel denied affirming confidence with WSI and claims that there was no June 3 letter sent to the company.

"The agency had no communications with WSI last Thursday [and] did not 'initially approve' any proposal or facility under the current solicitation issued for FY 2009-2010. The Maritime Administration is required to dispose of vessels at qualified facilities and such qualifications occurs only after the company's proposal, supporting documentation, and facility have been found technically acceptable," Krepp told *Saipan Tribune*.

Krepp added that only qualified facilities are eligible to compete for MARAD ship disposal contracts.

"Since WSI is not a qualified facility, it is not eligible to compete for and cannot be awarded any MARAD contracts until it becomes qualified," Krepp added.

WSI vice president of administration David C. Sablan described Krepp's letter as "disturbing."

"It is in fact very disturbing to hear such response from the chief counsel Denise Krepp. Mr. John Desch should have the answer to his letter," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He added that except for one piece of information that he could offer relative to "qualified facilities," MARAD would have to come out to inspect the dock facility to qualify as such.

Sablan said the company's president and CEO, McCollum, is expected to reply to this issue.

WSI wants to land the contract to dismantle MARAD ships on Saipan and sell the scraps to China.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 11, 1999

DLNR steps in to protect boats in Outer Marina Cove

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Jack Tenorio yesterday assured boat owners that the CNMI government will find a way to raise money for the construction of the breakwater that will protect vessels in the Outer Marina Cove. Tenorio said the fenders which have been ordered by DLNR will be arriving soon and will be immediately installed to ensure the safety of boats in the marina. "Once the breakwater is installed, the marina will look more like a lake. We will just have to find funding for it," he said. In the meantime, the DLNR chief said the department will study with its lawyer the steps it plans to take once the emergency rules and regulations for the Outer Cove Marina expire at the end of this month.

CUC asked to set up Kagman office

The chair of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication has asked the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to open a payment office in Kagman to service residents in the area and neighboring villages. Rep. David M. Apatang said more than 1,000 residents are being forced to commute to CUC offices in Dandan and San Jose to pay their bills and a nearby customer service may help alleviate the inconveniences. "This will also resolve the disconnection problems, if any, because the payment facility is accessible to them," he said in a letter to CUC chair Juan S. Dela Cruz.

June 11, 2001

Gualo Rai Youth Center needs additional $168K

An estimated $168,000 is needed to complete the Gualo Rai Youth Center by February 2002, Rep. William S. Torres said Friday. Under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant, the project was initially allocated $100,000 to finance the first stage of the Gualo Rai project. But Torres said an additional $168,000 is needed to cover the costs associated with landscaping, construction of expanded parking and retaining wall, the official Little League Baseball Field, and other structures like draining system, camp sites and baseball field lighting.

NMHC resets 1,000 home target

The combined lack of funds and qualified applicants has forced the Commonwealth's housing corporation to defer its 1,000-home target until next year. Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Chairman Juan S. Tenorio said that at the most they could only expect to construct from 750-800 homes up to the end of this year. "Unfortunately, I don't think the NMHC can reach the 1,000 home target we set out to finish at the beginning of the year. We're looking at 2002 to hopefully meet the goal," he said. Tenorio said that the NMHC hasn't been able to find enough qualified applicants to fill the targeted 1,000-units. He said at most only 35 percent of housing applicants could be qualified by banks participating under its guaranteed housing loan programs.

June 11, 2002

Many households rely on 'pit' toilets

As many as 30 percent of houses on Saipan does not have septic systems and simply rely on outdoor "pit" toilets. This was stated in the CNMI's Water Quality Assessment Report released last week by the Division of Environmental Quality. The DEQ, which administers the Individual Wastewater Disposal System Permitting Program, said there seems to be no progress on the issue after an inter-agency public health regulations task force ceased to function since last year. "An inter-agency public health regulations task force had been formed to address this and other issues in 2000, but ceased to function 2001 due to departure of key personnel. Progress on this issue ceased with the dissolution of the task force," the report stated.

Ruling entered in 9-year 'unjust enrichment' case

Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama ordered a businesswoman to return $250,000 to a former tenant but denied the latter award of any prejudgment interest in an "unjust enrichment" case that has stood before the trial court for close to ten years. Defendant Margarita R. Tenorio, owner of the I-Liyang property in Beach Road, was directed to give the money back to plaintiff Guadalupe P. Mangloña, who tendered the quarter of a million dollars to Tenorio between 1990 and 1991, pursuant to an oral agreement to purchase the I-Lyang property.

Filipinos to highlight talent and culture in 2010 Pistang Pinoy

Members of the Filipino community on Saipan will take center stage Sunday in a demonstration of their rich culture and talent during Pistang Pinoy 2010.

Various production numbers by Filipino organizations, a singing contest, and a 3-on-3 basketball game will highlight the event, to be held at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Olive Yana, president of the United Filipino Organization, told *Saipan Tribune* that Filipino actor Bojo Molina will also grace the event.

Pistang Pinoy (Filipino feast) is an annual event that celebrates Philippine Independence Day every June 12. The event is organized by UFO in collaboration with the Philippine Consulate General's Office, Philippine Labor Office, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration. This year's theme is *Kalayaan 2010: Tagumpay ng Bayan.*

Sponsors for Pistang Pinoy 2010 are IT&E, Western Union, Budweiser, and Taro Sue.

Yana said the *Pistang Pinoy* celebration this year will be held a day after the actual Philippine Independence Day because the Civic Center will be used for the Sabalu Market on Saturday.

Yana also said a trivia game about the Philippine Independence Day was started two weeks ago on radio station KWAW and will end today. Prizes for the trivia winners will be awarded on Sunday. ***(Clarissa David)***

Maritime academy training ship set to arrive today

The training ship *Golden Bear* is scheduled to arrive today for a four-day visit on Saipan.

Military Veterans Affairs Officer Ruth Coleman confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that it will be the first visit of the 500-ft training ship to the island.

TS *Golden Bear* is a training ship of the California Maritime Academy, which is associated with the California State University system.

Coleman said the TS *Golden Bear* carries about 260 cadets and four dozen officers and crew members led by Capt. Harry Bolton, also the vice principal for the California Maritime Academy.

According to the California Maritime Academy Web site, TS *Golden Bear* "serves as the primary platform on which cadets apply technological skills introduced in the classroom and leadership skills acquired from their work assignments and responsibilities with the corps of cadets."

Coleman said the Marianas Visitors Authority will perform a traditional island welcoming reception for the ship at 9am today at the dock site.

TS *Golden Bear* will leave Saipan Tuesday morning. ***(Clarissa David)***

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Economic recovery is creeping along

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We'll take it. After the trauma of the Great Recession of the past two years, even a modest recovery is to be welcomed. That's just what was forecast last week by the A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University before a sold-out audience of 700 business and community leaders at The Hilton in Costa Mesa, Calif. Chapman President Jim Doti and Esmael Adibi, director of the center, noted the forecast's accuracy in recent years in first predicting the recession, then the gradual, rather than sharp, recovery.

The forecast expects that the GDP growth rate—3.7 percent the past three quarters—will cool to 3.1 percent for all of 2010, and 3.2 percent in 2011. What's unfortunate, Doti said, is that the pattern of deep recessions commonly followed by robust recoveries averaging 5.8 percent, as in the 1971, 1985 and 1983, is not expected this time.

The problem: the construction sector is lagging at all levels. The massive construction boom of the mid-2000s still is haunting us.

"We're in oversupply of 600,000 units" of housing nationally, Doti calculated. This has brought a homeowners' vacancy rate of 2.6 percent, compared with 1.8 percent in normal years. Fortunately, he added, "It won't be long before we're back at a normal vacancy rate."

He also figured that home prices "are undervalued by about 12 percent" nationally, so there is room for prices to rise.

The problems in Europe, with the Greek financial crisis and the euro's problems, won't affect America too much, he said, and California, in particular, is mostly insulated, since its biggest export markets are Mexico, Canada, Japan and China. Unfortunately, California's economic recovery will be somewhat behind America's, Adibi said. He expects "another difficult year" for California's state budget, leading to tax increases.

We asked about the immense federal debt, $13 trillion, and current federal deficit of $1.4 trillion, wondering if that would hurt the economy. Doti said that federal spending is propelling the recovery. But that if the heavy debt isn't reduced, it would reduce long-term economic growth.

For us, the conclusion is that all levels of government need to be more prudent in spending the taxpayers' money and ought to reduce the burdens on taxpayers. Frugal government, not waste, is the key to long-term prosperity.

Bike Trails 1: The view from the street level

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Schwinn, for a long time, was our Harley-Davidson of bicycles. It was all American. I envied my neighbor's bike with the brand name clearly emblazoned for all to see that it was shipped from the land of missionaries and schoolteachers to the northern Luzon town where we grew up during our pre-teen years. "Made in America" at the time was the quintessential status symbol.

When I saw the racer bike model at Costco after finding out that the Feng Hua model that cost me less than a hundred GWs a couple of years ago (immediately pinched by neighborly *ladrones* hoods, I might add) now costs a hundred and seventy-five, I balked at the ascending value of the yuan/renminbi over the mighty dollar and allowed childhood memories and juvenile pride prevail over sane economic judgment. At more than twice the cost of what everyone else was riding, I allowed taste to trump price. I finally own an all-American Schwinn.

"Broadway-hydroformed" labeled the Schwinn quality bike that I pedaled out of the warehouse, which also showed that it was "Simono-equipped." I had no idea what those two phrases meant, but I guessed that the first referred to styling, and the second, with the gear quality. I was properly impressed. The all-American bike of Main Street joins LeMond, Landis and Lance of *Tour de France.*

I got a quick giggle shortly after, or more in the nature of a nervous laugh reminiscent of the sticker sold in Michigan during my holiday college break that said "Buy American," with a tiny *Printed in Taiwan* sign. A strange sound emanated from the gears and on closer examination, I noticed the diagonal bar sticker: *Made in China.* Well, so much for my childhood sense of qualitative American manufacturing primacy! Though Schwinn is back in the Midwest, industrial *Zhong Guo ren* of Shenzhen, Shanghai, or Shenyang possibly have their fingerprints on my bike!

Well, a bike by any other name is still a bike, regardless of where the stamping of the aluminum frame took place. So I took an initial run along Beach Road. It was a Sunday noon hour so there was not a soul on the pathway save this lady who proceeded to tell me that bicycles were not allowed on the pathway. Now, I do understand that. I do not doubt that there might have been such a regulation when the pathway was constructed, and to the late afternoon walkers, having a bike blow a horn or ring a bell behind one's back could be unnerving. Not so at this hour. Not a soul a mile fore or aft can be seen, but the lady was adamant on the rule.

That was the least of my worries. What in fact troubled me was my *dagan*'s response to the shock-absorbing capability of the biped. I have conveniently forgotten that I was no longer a pliant, agile, and resilient young man at the prime of his youth. Precisely to the count, I am more than a decade old *man'amko* gone soft on aircon'd pickup padded seats, and to bounce on the uneven surface of the pathway, not to mention the sand and gravel surface of unpaved trails, was taxing to the frail carbon-built rickety body frame.

The irony of my conversation with the no-bicycle-on-the-pathway lady struck when I got to the small amphitheatre at Quartermaster Road. Two sports-car-riding local ladies mounted their wheel mags on the pathway cement, next to the tables under the ironwood where they unloaded their picnic items while the upgraded boom box of their sound system blared a Jamaican-Carib-Palauan music beat. I was tempted to give them a variation of the lady's speech but intuited that informing them of the pathway's incapacity to hold a four-ton vibrating machine for long was not going to receive a warm reception. Besides, the look I gave when I scooted along the grass to avoid their car might have been powerful enough a message; when I returned less than an hour later, the blaring car was parked in its designated place.

I am on a bike for symbolic and practical reasons. I affected the ambulatory shift from pickup to a bike for financial and health reasons. Limited to plying the lagoon route, I figured I would use a call-a-cab if I needed to traverse more than a 15-degree incline on island. Liquidating a car loan and reducing gas money to nil were obvious pluses, though my Tinian colleagues worry about my zipping through traffic in the early morning rush hour when commuters think they are on the freeway heading for L.A. Central. More refreshing was the change in perspective, not only in terms of viewfinder clarity but also on the picture of the human scale at the street level.

We harp about recreating the human and getting back to a more organic rather than a robotic form of existence. Getting on a bike in this paradise island was a good place to start. Rachel Zuercher wrote a letter to the editor not too long ago asking if there was anyone interested in joining her concerns about biking. That prompted our reflection on bikes and their presence in our primal lagoon roadway. We could share occasionally details of the new perspective and the view the street level affords us, and maybe, even have fun in the process. Or, at least, as our MHS photography teacher says, "Your writing gives everyone cosmic permission to express themselves." He didn't say anything about content or form, but who cares. He acknowledged a function; that's good enough for us. So, I shall, I will. We encourage readers to do likewise.

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Two is cheaper than one

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Dig out your wallet, dear Commonwealth: In a few weeks college time will arrive, as a slew of kids makes the leap to stateside campuses.

It was a cheaper proposition when I was a kid. I went to school with an old Smith Corona typewriter. These days, of course, solid old typewriters have been supplanted by the delicate temperaments of computers.

Just ask my nephew, who is counting down the days of his last summer break before college. He accidentally trashed his $2,300 MacBook Pro computer. His parents, who are none too rich, wanted him to have a nice computer for school, but I'm thinking he'll be lucky to have a serviceable abacus now.

Can the Commonwealth's strained wallets find a way around high computer expenses?

They can. The answer, at least for me, and by logical extension most students, is to use two computers. That's right, two. Paradoxically, two can be cheaper, and better, than one.

I've owned laptop computers since 1989. I'm a devoted member of that cult, which is how I've managed to combine the utterly disparate professions of flying aircraft and crunching numbers.

These days, with a $400 (or less) little netbook for portability, and an unglamorous $500 laptop (or so) for more static use, someone can be in better shape than they'd be with a fancy $2,000 laptop computer. Sure, laptops are old news, but netbooks are pretty recent and they really change the dynamics of the game.

As you'll recall, netbook computers are teeny-tiny little things, with 10-inch screens (or so) typically, perfect for slipping into a student's book bag. My Samsung N110 (which I really like, and which was recommended by a *Tribune* reader) weighs under three pounds and the battery goes for six hours. This thing has spoiled me, and I wouldn't send myself around the block without a netbook computer these days. Nor would I send a kid off to school without one.

Due to its small screen, and sometimes limited horsepower, a netbook is more comfortable for e-mail and web browsing than for performing any rigorous tasks. But a netbook is perfectly usable for chipping away at some writing, so a student on campus can put spare minutes to productive use.

As for a laptop computer, which is what all my friends use as main computers, the best buys in these things right now are generally the bigger, chunkier units in the 16-inch screen ballpark, give or take an inch or so either way.

In other words, by dividing the computing chores up between the mobile (netbook) side of things, and the home-based (inelegantly clunky, but cheap laptop) side of things, we can avoid dropping bigger bucks on a single machine that is tasked to fill both roles, since combining capability and portability in one machine really drives the price tag up.

More importantly, my two-computer approach provides reliability via redundancy. Rest assured if your computer is going to blow its mind, it will do it the night before a big project is due. Well, in that case, just reach for the netbook, it's not ideal, but it will do in a pinch.

More on the redundancy department: Even on little netbooks the hard drives are so huge these days, typically 250 gigabytes and even larger, that you can easily back up your entire laptop computer onto your netbook, and, of course, you can easily back the netbook up on a laptop. So each computer can carry a complete backup of the other computer. I can restore either computer's operating system via files ("images") that I've stashed on the other computer.

Hopefully, nothing short of a strategic nuclear exchange can derail my computing ability. You can't say that with just one computer, no matter how good it is.

Indeed, for all the precise benchmark performance tests that computer magazines use to praise the newest, fanciest machines, the real world benchmarks most of us face are coffee spills, dropped computers, and random software meltdowns. So testing a computer in a laboratory is like testing a car in a garage.

I can understand that many students would want to wait until they're on campus before they buy a laptop computer, since their departments might have opinions on what they should use.

But I see no reason at all to leave Saipan without a netbook computer safely in the bag. Unless, of course, you prefer an abacus.

The NMJHS: What it is and what it does

By JIM STOWELL
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society is a 501 C (3) non-profit corporation established in November of 2003 to conduct the CNMI Judiciary's educational community outreach programs, and to disseminate knowledge and provide opportunity for research into and preservation of historic, literary records and memorabilia of historical significance to the Commonwealth Judiciary. The Historical Society's board of trustees includes Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Associate Justices Alexandro C. Castro and John A. Manglona and Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja. The organization also supports the improvement of the law library of the Commonwealth Judiciary.

Activities conducted by NMJHS include sponsorship of educational events such as the Justice Teaching Institute, the Prelaw Program, Law Week celebration and the annual Tafa Eskuela (Let's Go to School) effort, aimed to assist younger members of the community as they begin their education. The program reaches out to the CNMI's twelve elementary schools providing essential school supplies to needy students thus strengthening their desire to learn. Students are typically presented with notebooks, pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, construction paper, binder paper, color pencils/crayons and a ruler. The recipients have been very appreciative.

During the Law Week celebration, usually in early May of each year, the Justices, Judges and Judiciary staff visit junior and high school classes, speaking with students in their classrooms about the legal process and their future rights and responsibilities as adults. Through the Historical Society individuals and private enterprise can assist with the travel expenses of the Judiciary's participants to Rota and Tinian and the development of materials for use in the presentations.

The Society's *Community Lecture Series* of 2005 and 2010 are examples of community outreach programs aimed at a special adult audience. For these series of lectures, grants provided to the Historical Society by the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities have assisted in the recruitment to the CNMI of highly qualified law professors, Robert J. Desiderio, Frederick M. Hart and Rose Cuison-Villazor, as primary speakers to lecture on issues that stimulate critical thinking and increase the discussion of jurisprudence in the community. The media along with the general public is invited to attend and has full access to each scholar before and after each lecture over the three-week period of each series.

Similarly, the Justice Teaching Institute in 2002 brought together fifteen prominent members of the legal community who lectured and joined in small moderated discussion groups on subjects ranging from an *Introduction to the Legal System* to *the Pros, Cons and Alternatives to the Adversarial System.*

Supreme Court Associate Justice Alexandro C. Castro began the conference. Attorney General Ramona V. Manglona and Superior Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan, like all the presenters, were experts in their fields. Spirited discussions and passionate enthusiasm were typical throughout the three-day event.

The Judiciary History book, the creation of the current Supreme Court Justices, has been completed with the help of many people in the local legal community and is now ready for publication. Mia Giacomazzi was responsible for advancing the project to completion while Arin Greenwood, Dirk Spenneman, Dirk Ballendorf, Dan McKeenan, and Timothy Bellas were contributing authors. Consisting of 70 pages and pictures, the book tells of judiciary development in the Northern Marians from the Spanish era though the German, Japanese and Trust Territory administrations into its present form, operating under a self-governing system commanding the respect of the people.

In summary, the activities of the Marianas Judiciary Historical Society range from the provision of school supplies to young students, through class room programs for junior and senior high school students to the presentation of lectures on sophisticated issues of law and its practice. These out reach programs are funded through community donations, and with continued help the Society hopes to continue and expand the reach and scope of its activities.

Jim Stowell is the executive director of the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society.

Letters to the Editor

A better solution

Thank you, Tinian delegation and the Tinian Health Center, and most importantly Mr. Freddy Hofschneider, for taking away the money from our local resources for our children's scholarship and dedicating it to pay the SEAS contract, an obligation of the CNMI government. I also thank you for providing prior scholarship funds in the amount of $24,000 in the last semester and at the same time giving our children a meager $20,000 in the latest appropriation, I believe for fall semester. If my math is correct that amounts to $44,000 per year, or less than 40 percent of previous annual appropriations to the scholarship program. We are expecting and encouraging some 20 or more students of our own, graduating from Tinian High School this year, to continue their education and fund them with only $20,000 for scholarships for fall semester? You should be proud and be praised for your kind consideration of our youths' aspiration to advance their education.

In the meantime, while you are in the mood to resolve someone else's obligation using our locally generated funds, can you look into the status of our four local young students who recently graduated from the nursing program on Saipan? These kids were terminated at THC. They are in the same predicament as SEAS nurses and they were discharged because of "serious budgetary shortfall." The local municipality spent a lot of money to send them to school and then you tell them that they can't continue their employment because of budgetary constraint? Is it possible to show the same compassion or "sensitive response" and "full support" to our nurses? They might not be registered nurses, but certainly they deserve a chance to advance their career if only we encourage them.

Thank you again, and I know you can come up with a better solution for our kids' education and the dilemma of our local nurse assistants on our island.

Joseph Mendiola
San Jose, Tinian

Legalizing pot

You have got to be kidding! Wait, a great marketing tool for the CNMI. That would be a great sector to tap. Having potheads getting high along with our family destination—great idea. Let's focus on making Saipan a better place. That is as brilliant as legalizing prostitution. For those who think that is a great idea, make sure your wife and daughters are first in line to sign up. Commonwealth, we need to solve problems and develop the economy, not create more problems in which we have already excelled.

Del Benson
Papago, Saipan

An open letter to Dad

I'm sure we all have family members that we're not completely fond of or have some reservations about, but for me, my dad is the ultimate exception. Living in Iowa, the time difference made it difficult for me to communicate back and forth with him on Saipan properly, but I made as much of an attempt as I could. Of course, there was no one else better to talk to when my car broke down or if I needed help making sushi for the first time. He's always been eager to help me with anything I needed, and really, to anyone who would ask. I always tell him that's why he's so popular back on-island—his genuine interest in making things better for people he cared about.

I've realized that the distance between us was almost a blessing in disguise; even though we couldn't spend time with together, we were able to create a stronger emotional bond, actually respecting and understanding each other more and more as we continued our lives separately. It's a difficult sentiment for me to articulate. I know I can probably call him to tell him this personally, but I wanted everyone to know how much I care about him, now more than ever. I couldn't have asked for a more patient and considerate person to watch me grow, guide me, and love me, even through my most trying times.

Happy Father's Day, Dad. I'm grateful for the time difference for once—I get to celebrate this day twice for you, your Sunday on Saipan and my Sunday here in Iowa.

Ronn Arii
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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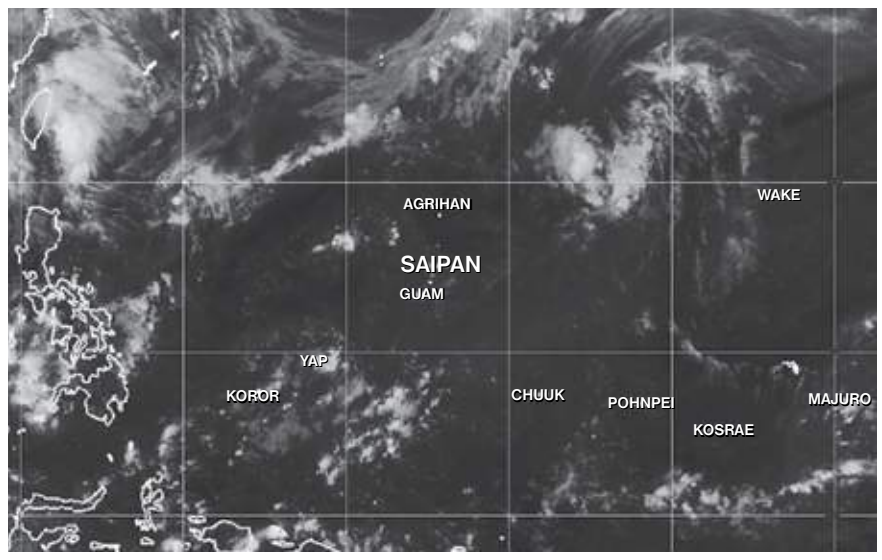
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Sunny	▲88	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲85	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼61
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼70
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
London	Rain	▲67	▼55
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲54	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲91	▼80
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼63
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Paris	Showers	▲77	▼59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲75	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲85	▼64
Salem	Showers	▲67	▼51
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68	▼60
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲75	▼64
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼69
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼68

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwest from 25N143N to 20N130E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of a line from 19N130E to 25N143E. An upper-level low is centered between the Marianas and Wake Island near 22N156E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 150 miles of a line from 22N153E to 19N156E. Low-level convergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap and Palau within an area bounded by a line from 7N133E to 1N140E to 7N147E to 11N138E back to 7N133E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers west of Tarawa between the equator and 3N from 159E to 171E. A surface trough crossing the Marshall Islands extends southward from 11N172E to 2N172E. Scattered showers are found within 200 miles of the trough axis including Majuro and Butaritari. Convergence ahead of a trade-wind surge crossing the date line is producing scattered showers east of a line from 10N176E to 2N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:26 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
5:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:13 AM	5:38 PM
Saturday	5:09 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	7:38 PM
Monday	7:13 AM	8:34 PM
Tuesday	8:17 AM	9:27 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
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FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Tinian, Rota census complete; follow-up continues on Saipan

The CNMI Local Census Office has released an update on the progress of the 2010 CNMI Census. Enumeration or counting of residents on the islands of Tinian and Rota has been completed. All forms are being prepared for shipping to the US mainland to be tabulated as the follow-up activities are completed. Saipan is 99 percent complete and on schedule for all Census activities to be completed by August. The official count began on April 1 and the first phase is scheduled to be complete by Monday.

"We continue to be encouraged by the cooperation of our residents. They have taken seriously that a great deal of federal funding for the next 10 years will be based on their answers," said Juan Borja, Local Census Office manager. "Our response rate shows our residents understand why we need everyone to be counted."

The 2010 CNMI Census is a count of everyone, citizen and non-citizen, living in the CNMI. Census data are used to distribute more than $400 billion in federal funds to local, state, territorial and tribal governments each year, and to help government and community leaders make decisions about what services to provide. Many government agencies and NGO's receive federal funding and that funding is typically based on Census data provided by CNMI residents. It is much easier to collect data for those who live in the U.S. mainland because of the number of surveys that take place regularly and availability of statistics not available in the CNMI. The Commonwealth is forced to rely on the decennial Census as the basis for much of the funding received.

"The U.S. Census Bureau is very pleased with how smoothly operations have gone in the CNMI. The cooperation of CNMI residents has been noticed by U.S. Census officials," said Rebecca Diaz Cartagena, CNMI Census Adviser. "We expect all Census operations to be complete on time and even ahead of schedule."

The next phase of the Census operation, Field Follow-up, began recently. Residents will once again see census workers in the villages checking on vacant units and dwellings where residents may have been off-island and not turned in a form. Census workers will also be checking maps to make sure every housing unit is recorded properly. All Census forms were given an individual number by census workers that match a number, or map spot, on the official U.S. Census Bureau maps

The random quality assurance program will continue as well. Residents may receive a follow-up call in person or over the phone to ensure their answers are accurate and that the form was filled out by them. "The U.S. Census Bureau requires each office to ensure that the data received is as accurate as possible by completing this important step in the process," Diaz Cartagena said.

Once all of the follow-up operations are completed, all the Saipan forms will be bundled and sent to the U.S. mainland to be tabulated.

The Local Census Office is asking any resident who has not been visited by a Census employee to call the Telephone Assistance Center at 288-3040 so that a Census worker can be sent to the residence and either pick up the completed form or interview the resident and fill out the form for them. The hours of operation are 9am–8:30pm Monday–Friday, Saturday 12pm–8pm and Sunday 12pm –6pm, except on holidays. Assistance is available in multiple languages and operators will enlist the help of translators when necessary. Residents can also speak with any Census worker in the field who can assist them in completing a form.

All answers given to Census workers are confidential and protected by law. Census workers take an oath for 72 years and face up to five years in prison and/or a $250,000 fine for disclosing any Census data. ***(PR)***

Hyatt staff bags 2 awards in bartender competition

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REPORTER

A Hyatt Regency Saipan employee took home two awards during the Annual Bartender Cocktail Competition held May 22 at the American Memorial Park during the Taste of the Marianas.

Bernadine C. Aquino, a wait staff at the Kili Café & Terrace, placed second in the overall competition and won the Best in Taste Award for his concoction, called Marianas Trench.

Aquino, who's been with the hotel for four years, bested seven other contestants for his mixture of selected tropical juices infused with a delightful hint of Burnett's Vodka.

It was Aquino's second time to join the annual competition.

Another Hyatt employee, Darwin Capati, also entered the contest. Capati has been with the Hyatt for 10 years and is assigned at Skippers Beach Bar.

Aquino and Capati qualified to join the overall contest by winning an in-house competition held on April 19.

Hyatt Food & Beverage director Ranjeet Rajebhosale was satisfied with Aquino's win and Capati's showmanship. "I am very happy and delighted with the results and that we constantly support and encourage our staff to participate and do well in competitions."

The Annual Bartender Cocktail Competition was hosted by the Northern Marianas Bartenders Association and sponsored by Burnett's Vodka.

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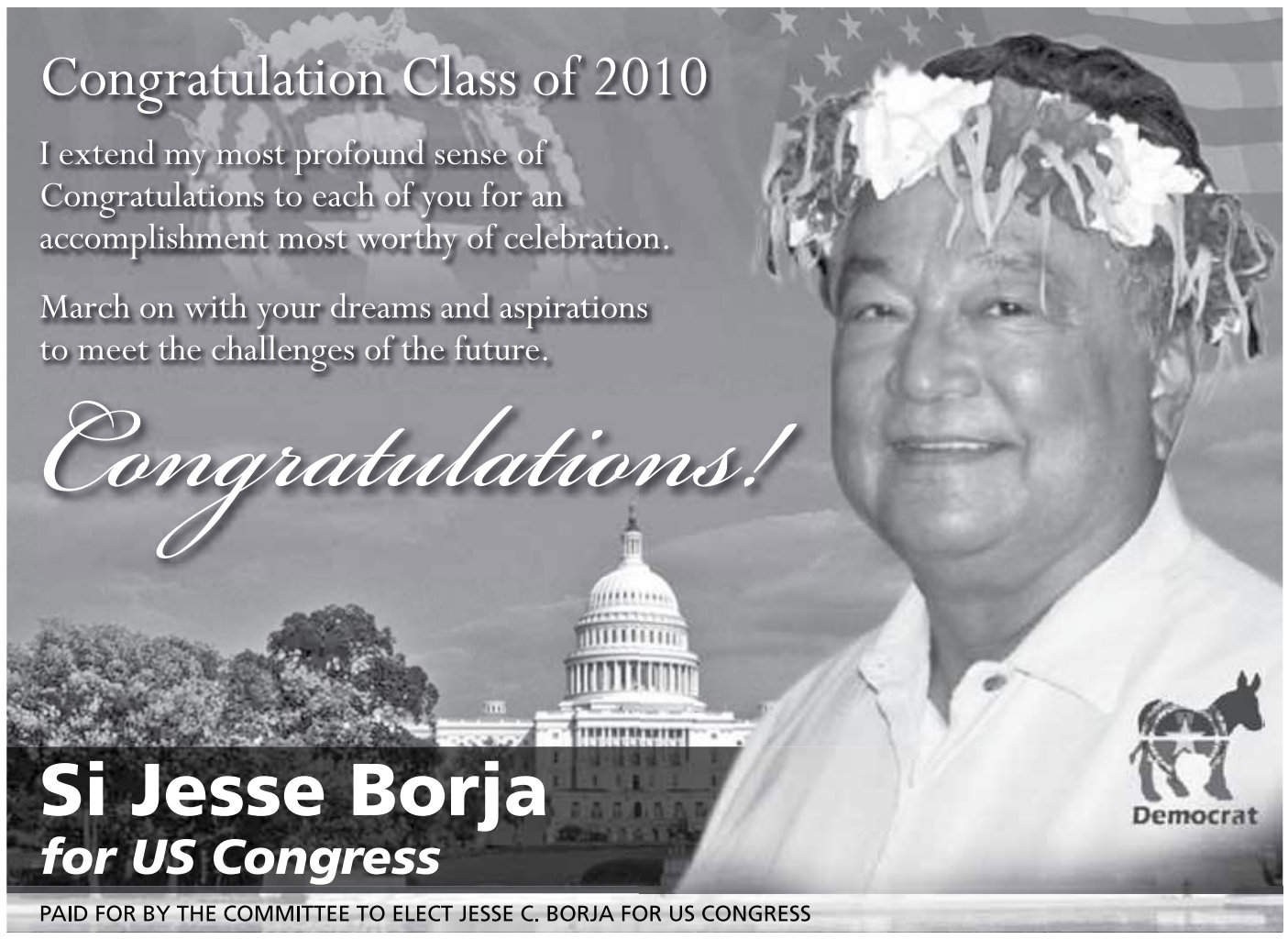
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Saipan Laolao donates nearly $5K to NMC Foundation

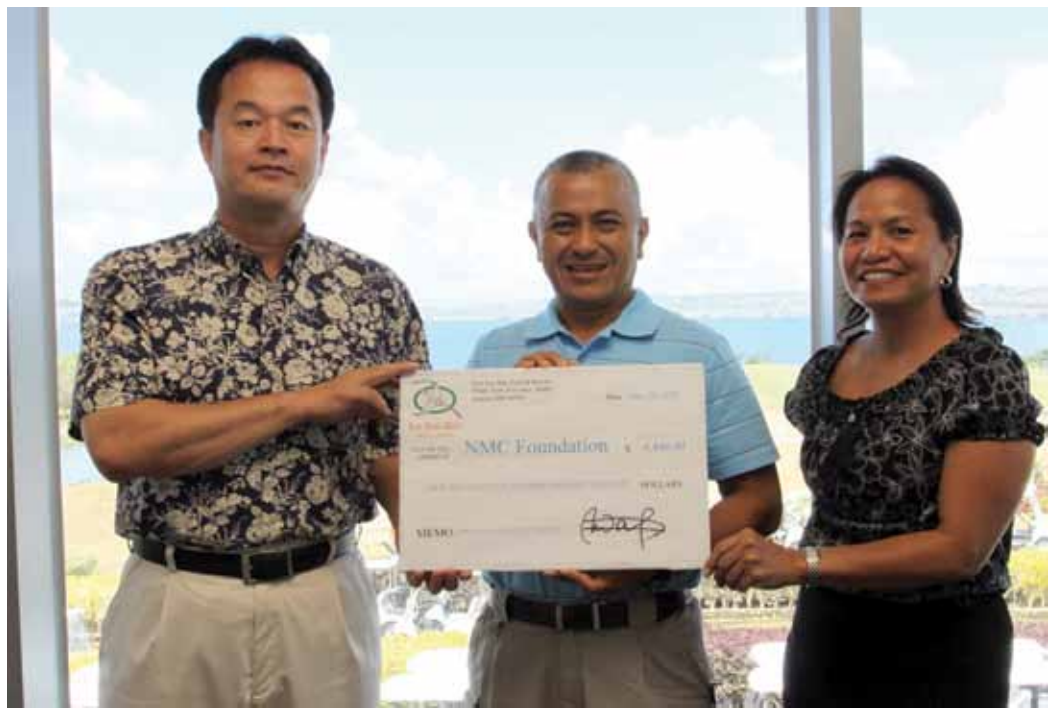
The Saipan LauLau Development, Inc., which owns and operates LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort, a 36-hole golf course designed by Greg Norman, recently presented $4,440 donation to the Northern Marianas College Foundation, in support of the non-profit's mission to advance higher education in the CNMI.

The donation was made as part of the company's sponsorship of the Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Tournament, which was held last April.

"We acknowledge NMC's continuous efforts to improve the quality of life for residents of the CNMI through educational advancement and professional development," said Tetsuya Matsunaga, vice president/GM of Saipan Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. "We are proud to help the college in all its efforts."

The Saipan Laulau Development, Inc. has donated nearly $14,000 to NMC in the past two years.

The donation was also part of the CNMI's qualifying certificate program, which calls for Saipan LauLau Development Inc., to make benefit contributions to community-based public programs and activities.



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NMC Foundation president Ben Babauta, center, receives a check for $4,440 from Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort VP/GM Tetsuya Matsunaga, left, and HR manager Mary Lou Ada, right.

"We continue to be grateful for Saipan Laolao's donation and continued support of the College and the NMC Foundation," said NMC Foundation president Ben Babauta.

The NMC Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to support the college, the CNMI's lone postsecondary educational institution. The organization is composed of individuals who are dedicated and committed to ensuring that CNMI students receive the utmost support in pursuing their educational goals.

"Saipan Laolao's continuous support of NMC reflects the company's steadfast commitment to advancing higher education opportunities for CNMI students," said acting NMC interim president Bobbie Merfalen. "We are ever thankful for their contribution." *(NMC)*

Tinian Jr. High School promotes 49 students

Public School System Education Commissioner of Dr. Rita A. Sablan and Tinian Junior High School officials promoted 49 eight graders to high school during commencement exercises yesterday morning.

Yun Ha Seo led this year's batch of promoted students as class valedictorian. Alonica D. Anore was awarded salutatorian honors.

Seo received the school's Board of Education Award of Excellence, while Anore was bestowed the Commissioner of Education Award for Excellence.

Anore also received the Commissioner of Education Award of Excellence, while Seo received the Board of Education Award of Excellence.

This year's 8th grade promotional ceremony consisted 49 students.

Other students in the Top 10 were Nikkie O. Ayuyu, Jessabel Nededog, Junieva Villarin, Hannekah M. Aquino, Kyle David Sandbergen, Hui Jin Kim, Eric Daniel M. Hofschneider, and Roxanne C. Carino. (***Moneth G. Deposa)***

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AFTER 10 YEARS OF BEING DORMANT

Commerce revives Small Business Development Center

The CNMI Department of Commerce will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from 9am to 12pm, to launch the re-establishment of the CNMI's Small Business Development Center. The event will be hosted on the bottom floor of the CNMI Department of Commerce on Capital Hill.

The CNMI SBDC is a result of a partnership between the CNMI Department of Commerce, the Commonwealth Development Authority, the University of Guam, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The office will be opening after nearly 10 years from its closure at the Northern Marianas College campus.

Prior to its re-establishment, the CNMI was the only jurisdiction in Micronesia that did not have an SBDC.

The services offered at the center include business development counseling, access to business planning materials, access to a computer lab for purposes of business development, as well as assistance with attaining financing for qualified small businesses.

The newly hired SBDC director, Gary Liddle, brings over a decade of experience in working with small businesses within the SBDC context.

"I am certainly very excited to be in the CNMI to launch such an important program. I hope that members of our community will come out to the office and learn more about what services we can provide to aid them in their business development and current operations. As many people know, the U.S. economy is driven by small businesses, and the case is no different here in the CNMI. It is our responsibility to provide the services and expertise needed to help the CNMI small business community grow and thrive," said Liddle.

The Fitial administration has touted the re-establishment of the SBDC as a stepping stone to the CNMI's economic recovery. The partnerships required to bring the program back to the CNMI demonstrates the regional collaboration between Fitial and Guam Gov. Felix Camacho. The Department of Commerce said that it has been working with the Commonwealth Development Authority and Guam-based entities on re-establishing the SBDC for over a year.

"The SBDC is one very important piece of the puzzle in putting our economy back together. Other pieces include the results of the Economic Restoration Summit, which was a community effort that identified four major industries for development. Of these industries, there is progress being made in three of the four industries through the education industry, call center industry, and the aquaculture industry. My administration has been working diligently to ensure that these industries are developed in a guided and planned manner. The progress will be reported to the community and further planning will be done at the upcoming 2nd Economic Restoration Summit," said Fitial.

While the SBDC will bring much needed guidance and services to local residents looking to start their own businesses, financing guidance is one of the most critical services the SBDC will offer.

In recent months, Commerce Secretary Michael Ada expressed concern that the FDIC banks in the CNMI were not lending to small businesses. Commerce's concern was underscored by the fact that the risks of loan defaults were minimized through various U.S. Small Business Administration programs that guaranteed loan repayment up to 90 percent.

Ada said the next step is to partner with banks in the CNMI, along with relevant federal agencies, to develop a collaborative plan to increase lending for small businesses in the CNMI.

"While I may have been aggressive in my communication with the FDIC banks relevant to the small business lending trends in the CNMI, it was driven by my obligation to ensure that our business community receives the resources it needs to grow. In all fairness to the lending institutions in the CNMI, they must have viable business plans in front of them prior to lending. Just because the feds will back 90 percent of the loan doesn't mean that banks should approve any application that is put in front of them. This is where the SBDC plays such a critical role as it will ensure that business plans are truly worthwhile of financing. We will be meeting with the FDIC banks, the SBA, and the USDA in early July to develop a collaborative plan to increase small business lending in the CNMI. There are several issues that we must address to really see an increase in lending in the CNMI, inclusive of issues surrounding Article XII," said Ada. ***(PR)***

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Big Steps for Little Feet

IT&E ups coverage on Rota with new cell site

IT&E announced yesterday a new era of coverage and connectivity on the island of Rota with the addition of a third CDMA cell site.

The additional cell site is centrally located on Rota inside the Northern Marianas College campus. Now IT&E customers for the first time will enjoy voice and data coverage while travelling between the villages of Songsong and Sinapalo, as well as service at the Rota Resort Golf Course and the Rota Hotel.

IT&E personnel install the company's newest cell site inside the Northern Marianas College campus on Rota.

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"We're glad that we were able to bring our local customers service that will better meet their needs on Rota," said IT&E Plant Technical Service manager Velma Palacios. "Now we're able to focus on other ways in which we can better serve our customers throughout the Marianas."

IT&E worked in partnership with the Mayor's Office and Rota NMC for the site, and partnership provided the local college improved air-conditioning at the Rota NMC Library in addition to the increased coverage area.

For more information about IT&E's coverage and services, contact IT&E Customer Care at 682-4ITE (4483) at IT&E Customer Service on Middle Road. ***(IT&E)***

NMC to host 3rd 'Cash for College' workshop

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting its 3rd "Cash for College" workshop aimed at helping students obtain financial assistance for college.

The free workshop will be held on June 19, 2010, at the As Terlaje campus in Building A. Participants can stop by at anytime between the hours of 9am to 3pm.

Participants are highly encouraged to bring a valid identification card, tax forms, proof of residency for 2008 and 2009, a proof of continuing residency, and an official high school transcript.

Workshop attendees will receive personal assistance and guidance in completing financial aid forms for the CNMI Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and other scholarships.

NMC staff from the Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to assist new students with the enrollment and application process.

"We are inviting interested individuals to take advantage of our services during the NMC "Cash for College" workshop," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "The purpose of this workshop is to assist students in their efforts to obtain much needed financial aid for college and to encourage students to pursue higher education."

The workshop is made possible by financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College's Access Challenge Grant Program.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or e-mail daisym@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS calendar of activities

To all parents and legal guardians of Marianas High School students: Marianas High School will hold the MHS Senior Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 11, at 9:30am at the MHS Gymnasium. Parents and legal guardians of graduating seniors are encouraged to attend.

Marianas High School will hold its 2010 Commencement Exercises on Monday, June 14 at 4pm at the MHS Gym. In order to prepare for this event, all students will be released at 12pm.

If you have any questions regarding these events, call the Main Office at 237-3206. ***(PR)***

OES sells tickets for Cultural Day

Oleai Elementary School is now selling tickets for its upcoming Cultural Day. Raffle tickets prizes include $1,000 and other cash prizes, 13'flat screen TV, 8000 BT standing air conditioning unit, and prize packs from IT&E, Docomo, and PDI (Pacific Development). There are also gift certificates from Fiesta Resort and Spa, Palms Resort, Hyatt Regency, Aqua Resort, PIC, Duty Free, Lollipops, Expressions, Triple J Motors, Saipan Computer Services, PC Outlet, White Coconut, and many more. ***(PR)***

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SCC's Corporate Challenge beautifies pavilions, raises over $5K

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Corporate Challenge raised over $5,000 for the Chamber's educational endeavors, including its scholarship fund that recently awarded $10,000 to local high school students.

On Sunday, May 30, a total of 22 teams competed in events that included a tug-of-war, an egg toss, a "food fear factor," a "cross-country skiing" event, and a heavily-modified triathlon. Hundreds of family members, friends, and colleagues also attended the competition, both to cheer on the competitors and to share in the barbecuing and relaxing day-at-the-beach atmosphere.

Member companies paid $300 each to sponsor five-person, co-ed teams. Participating companies included Bank of Guam, Coca-Cola and Glimpses, CTSI/FedEx Express, D&Q Saipan, DFS, Docomo Pacific, Fiesta Resort & Spa, First Hawaiian Bank, G4S Security Services, Herman's Modern Bakery, IT&E, Marianas Pacific Distributors, MCV, Microl Toyota, Pacific Islands Club, Palms Resort, Saipan Shipping, Shell Marianas/Delta Management, TakeCare Insurance, and three teams from the Triple J group of companies.

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Contestants participate in a "food fear factor" competition at the 2010 Corporate Challenge, held Sunday, May 30, at the Minachom Atdao.

The event, held at Minachom Atdao, began at 9:3am, and concluded in mid-afternoon. Herman's Modern Bakery took first place, Pacific Islands Club came in second, and Docomo Pacific came in third.

In the weeks prior to the event, teams worked to beautify pavilions along the west coast of Saipan in order to support the island's tourism industry. The team spirit competition was judged based on the level of beautification at each of the pavilions. Judges complimented the creativity and hard work that all of the teams invested in the beautification competition; ultimately, MCV won the Team Spirit Award.

Trophies and prize packages were awarded to each member of the first, second, and third place teams, as well as the Team Spirit winners. Prize donors included 360 Restaurant, American Red Cross, Bank of Guam, Blossoms Floral, City Trust Bank, Coca-Cola Beverage Co., Glimpses of Saipan, Foremost Foods, Subway, Commonwealth Health Center/ Public Health, D&Q Saipan, Docomo Pacific, Inc., Expressions, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, First Hawaiian Bank, Hard Rock Café, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, J's Restaurant, Marianas Cable Vision, Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc., Megabyte, Microl Toyota, Northern Marianas College, Pacific Islands Club, Pacific Trading Co., Palms Resort Saipan, Power99, Saipan Sea Ventures, TakeCare Insurance, the Triple J group of companies and Water Company.

Event co-chair Nora Sablan of TakeCare Insurance said, "The Corporate Challenge is not only a good-spirited competition among companies, but it is also an opportunity for our members to come together with family and friends, and other Chamber members, to enjoy some good food and camaraderie, all while raising funds for a great cause, the Chamber's scholarship fund and educational endeavors. This year, we were also pleased that Chamber member companies contributed so generously to the beautification of beachside pavilions that benefits not only our tourism industry, but the many families and groups resident on Saipan who utilize these structure every weekend." ***(SCC)***

Health care reform benefits start for seniors

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are now beginning to mail checks to seniors who have spent more than $2,830 on prescription medication this year. Seniors who fell into the Medicare Part D "donut hole" may receive a non-taxable rebate of up to $250. Checks will continue to be mailed monthly over the next several months to seniors as they enter the coverage gap.

"The checks are just the first benefit for our seniors from the health reform legislation we passed in March," said Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP). "Beginning in January 2011, seniors in the Medicare Prescription Drug program, who fall into the so-called 'donut hole' will receive a 50-percent discount on brand name drugs. By 2020, the donut hole will be completely closed."

Seniors fall into the "donut hole" when they spend between $2,700 and $6,154 per year on prescription medicine. This level of spending falls outside the traditional Medicare Part D coverage for medications, but not up to the "catastrophic care" level also covered.

Sablan

The Patient Protections and Affordable Care act passed this year by congressional Democrats and signed into law by President Obama makes changes each year to close this donut hole by 2020. In the meantime, those seniors whose medication costs exceeded $2,830 per year and who are not considered "dual eligible" by CMS should receive a rebate of up to $250.

"Prescription drugs cost many of our *man'amko* [elderly] thousands of dollars a year. This check is a down payment on reducing prescription drug costs for seniors and eventually closing the donut hole altogether," Sablan said. "This is just the first example of how the health care reform bill will strengthen Medicare and help seniors."

Medicare recipients don't have to do anything to get the $250 check—once their drug costs for the year hit $2,830, the one-time check will be issued automatically.

Making prescription drugs more affordable for seniors is only one of the many benefits for seniors included in the recently enacted health reform law. Other benefits for seniors include free preventive care services under Medicare, beginning in 2011. ***(PR)***

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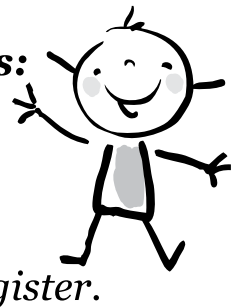

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Foremost donates milk to man'amko, CHC, Karidat

In celebration of its 60th anniversary this year, Foremost made another round of milk donations to the Office on Aging, Commonwealth Health Center, and Karidat.

Foremost Foods Saipan, represented by Glen D. Hunter, Group Business manager; Rusty M. Loyola, operations manager; and Gerry Hemley, sales supervisor, allocated 300 cases of milk for the three agencies.

According to Hunter and Loyola, Foremost decided to donate milk to the three agencies to celebrate its 60th year of doing business. "It's our way of thanking the community for supporting Foremost all these years."

A total of 150 cases of Foremost UHT milk were delivered to the Man'amko Center on June 9 and were received by Rosa Mondala, director, Office on Aging, as well as more than 50 *man'amko*.

Speaking before the elderly, Hemley said, "We value the *manamko*'s contributions to the community and we're glad to share this donation with you."

Mondala explained the donation and reiterated the requirement for the elderly to consume milk. With bones getting brittle as people age, Mondala said seniors are encouraged to drink milk.

She also thanked Foremost Foods Saipan for its donation. "It is generous of Foremost to do this for our *man'amko*. I hope the other companies will follow Foremost's lead."

Teresita R. Sorosa, treasurer of the Man'amko Council, agreed. "We were all excited when director Mondala announced the Foremost donation and everyone would receive a case of milk. We're glad Foremost is concerned about our health. Thank you, Foremost."

The Commonwealth Health Center also received 100 cases of Foremost UHT milk.

At the CHC cafeteria, Joe Tudela, food supervisor II for the dietary unit, and Ramon T. Chong, facilities administrator, welcomed the donation of 100 cases of milk from Foremost.

"We would like to thank Foremost for this donation. We hope there'll be more donations in the near future," said Chong.

Tudela also expressed his gratitude to Foremost on behalf of the patients who are recipients of the donation.

Meanwhile at Karidat, Angie V. Deleon Guerrero, director, Karidat, said, "We appreciate this donation from Foremost and these boxes go out to people." ***(PR)***

From left, Teresa Sorosa, treasurer, Man'amko Council; Rusty M. Loyola, operations manager, Foremost Foods Saipan; Gerry Hemley, sales supervisor, Foremost Foods Saipan; Rosa Mondala, director, Office on Aging; Felix S. Flawau, president, Man'amko Council; and Glen D. Hunter, Group Business manager, Transpac Group.

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From left, Angie V. Deleon Guerrero, director, Karidat; Glen D. Hunter, Group Business manager, Transpac group; and Janet Santos, Kagman resident and first recipient of the milk donation at Karidat.

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At the CHC cafeteria, Joe Tudela, food supervisor for Dietary Unit, CHC, and Ramon T. Chong, facilities administrator, welcome Foremost Foods Saipan representatives and the donation of 50 cases of milk. From left, Rusty M. Loyola, operations manager, Foremost Foods Saipan; Glen D. Hunter, Group Business manager, Transpac group; Tudela; Gerry Hemley, sales supervisor, Foremost Foods Saipan; and Chong.

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'Speed Racers' wins 3rd Cubmobile Derby

The Speed Racers team is composed of Elias Lowe, Cyrus Rose, Amon McGuire, Noah Santa Maria and Logan Mister.

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Cub Scout Pack 913 held its 3rd Annual Cubmobile Derby on May 31, 2010, with the five-man team *Speed Racers* taking home the trophy this year.

The cubmobiles are similar to soapbox cars. They are relatively small, the perfect size for a Cub Scout, have no motor, and coast down the gentle slope of the road. The Cubs race the cars down the slope several times each, with times being recorded, and team times combined for a grand total. The team with the fastest overall time is awarded individual trophies for each driver.

This year, each of the Pack's nine Cubs split into two teams, participated in the painting, and in naming their cubmobiles.

The *Speed Racers* consisted of Cub drivers Amon McGuire, Logan Mister, Noah Santa Maria, Elias Lowe, and Cyrus Rose. The four-man spirited team of *Fast and Furious* boasted of Cub drivers Ben Esplin, Carl Jericho Lambat, Cole Chambers, and Spencer Dickinson.

The cubmobiles were raced down a gently sloping road on Capital Hill, with the Cubs steering the cubmobiles with their feet. The winning cubmobile team for 2010 was *Speed Racers*.

Spectators always add a flavor of excitement to the races, and sometimes are allowed to test run the cars after the derby. This year was no different with mothers and older siblings trying out the cubmobiles.

The Derby was followed by a Pack Meeting where the Cubs were awarded their advancements and awards earned since the previous Pack Meeting. Breakfast snacks followed the awarding.

Cub Scout Pack 913, which is chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holds weekly Den meetings and four Pack meetings a year and showcase recognized Cub Scout events such as the Raingutter Regatta, the Pinewood Derby, the Father/Son Cakebake and Cubmobile Races. ***(PR)***

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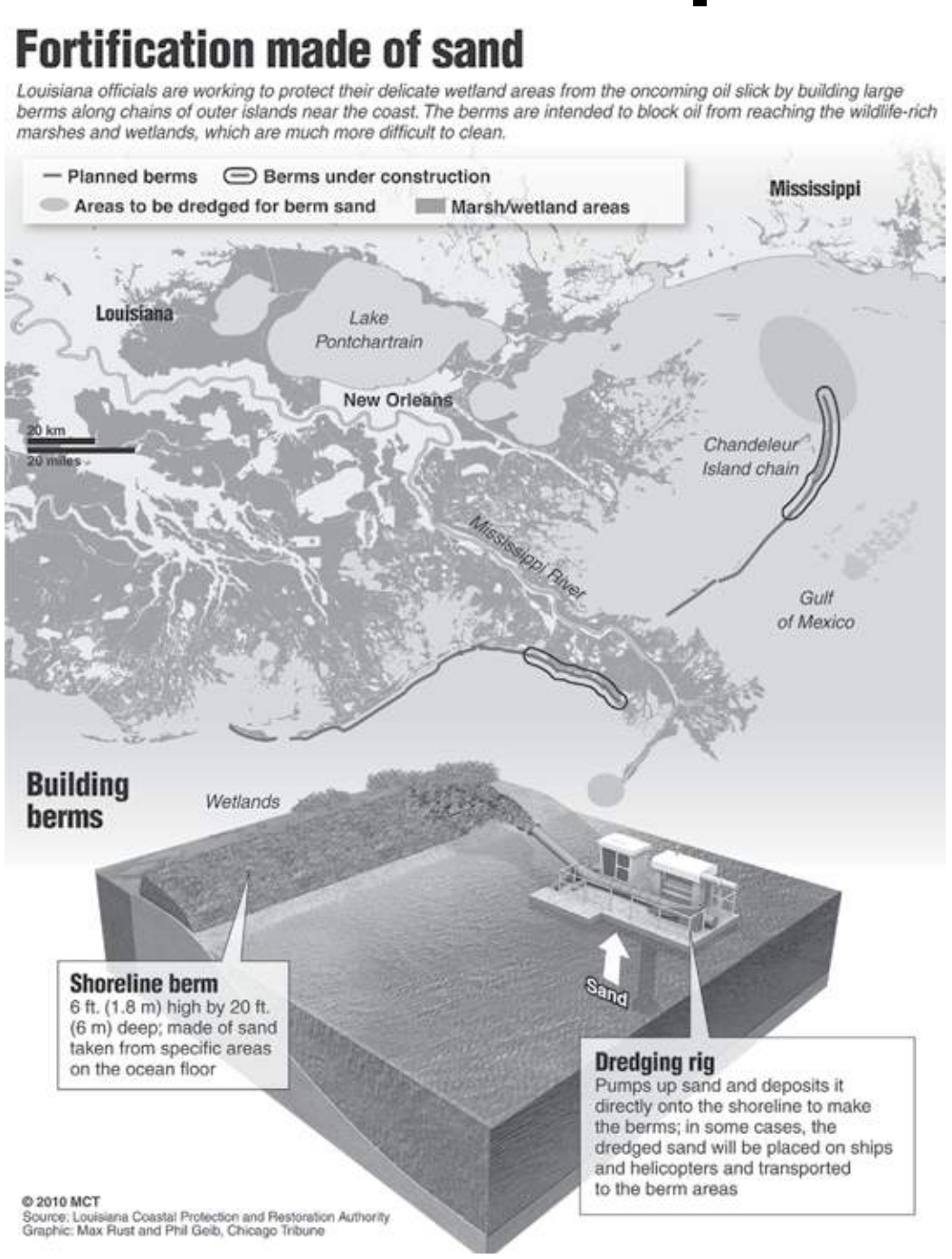
Business

Gulf residents angry about BP and claims process


Fortification made of sand
Louisiana officials are working to protect their delicate wetland areas from the oncoming oil slick by building large berms along chains of outer islands near the coast. The berms are intended to block oil from reaching the wildlife-rich marshes and wetlands, which are much more difficult to clean.
Planned berms
Berms under construction
Areas to be dredged for berm sand
Marsh/wetland areas
Mississippi
Louisiana
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New Orleans
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20 miles
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Mississippi River
Gulf of Mexico
Building berms
Wetlands
Shoreline berm
6 ft. (1.8 m) high by 20 ft. (6 m) deep; made of sand taken from specific areas on the ocean floor
Sand
Dredging rig
Pumps up sand and deposits it directly onto the shoreline to make the berms; in some cases, the dredged sand will be placed on ships and helicopters and transported to the berm areas
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GRAND ISLE, La. (AP)—The financial toll of the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico escalated Wednesday as BP's stock plummeted to a 14-year low and fishermen, businesses and property owners who have filed damage claims with the company angrily complained of delays, excessive paperwork and skimpy payments that have put them on the verge of going under.

The oil company captured an ever larger-share of the crude gushing from the bottom of the sea and began bringing in more heavy equipment to help in the effort, including a production ship and a tanker from the North Sea that will allow the system to process larger quantities of oil and better withstand tropical storms.

The containment efforts played out as investors deserted BP amid fears that the company might be forced to suspend dividends, end up in bankruptcy and find itself overwhelmed by the cleanup costs, penalties, damage claims and lawsuits generated by the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

Shrimpers, oystermen, seafood businesses, out-of-work drilling crews and the tourism industry all are lining up to get paid back the billions of dollars washed away by the disaster, and tempers have flared as locals direct outrage at BP over what they see as a tangle of red tape.

"Every day we call the adjuster eight or 10 times. There's no answer, no answering machine," said Regina Shipp, who has filed $33,000 in claims for lost business at her restaurant in Alabama. "If BP doesn't pay us within two months, we'll be out of business. We've got two kids."

An Alabama property owner who has lost vast sums of rental income angrily confronted a BP executive at a town meeting. The owner of a Mississippi seafood restaurant said she is desperately waiting for a check to come through because fewer customers come by for shrimp po-boys and oyster sandwiches.

Some locals see dark parallels to what happened after Hurricane Katrina, when they had to wait years to get reimbursed for losses.

"It really feels like we are getting a double whammy here. When does it end?" said Mark Glago, a New Orleans lawyer who is representing a fishing boat captain in a claim against BP.

BP spokesman Mark Proegler disputed any notion that the claims process is slow or that the company is dragging its feet.

Proegler said BP has cut the time to process claims and issue a check from 45 days to as little as 48 hours, provided the necessary documentation has been supplied. BP officials acknowledged that while no claims have been denied, thousands and thousands of claims had not been paid by late last week because the company required more documentation.

At the bottom of the sea, the containment cap on the ruptured well is capturing 630,000 gallons a day and pumping it to a ship at the surface, and the amount could nearly double by next week to roughly 1.17 million gallons, said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who is overseeing the crisis for the government.

Nation

FBI: Mexicans chase away US agents after shooting

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—Pointing their rifles, Mexican security forces chased away U.S. authorities investigating the shooting of a 15-year-old Mexican by a U.S. Border Patrol agent on the banks of the Rio Grande, the FBI and witnesses told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The killing of the Mexican by U.S. authorities—the second in less than two weeks—has exposed the distrust between the two countries that lies just below the surface, and has enraged Mexicans who see the death of the boy on Mexican soil as an act of murder.

Shortly after the boy was shot, Mexican soldiers arrived at the scene and pointed their guns at the Border Patrol agents across the riverbank while bystanders screamed insults and hurled rocks and firecrackers, FBI spokeswoman Andrea Simmons said. She said the agents were forced to withdraw.

"It pretty quickly got very intense over on the Mexican side," she said, adding that FBI agents showed up later and resumed the investigation, even as Mexican authorities pointed guns at them from across the river.

A relative of the dead boy who had been playing with him told the AP that the Mexicans—who he described as federal police, not soldiers—pointed their guns only when the Americans waded into the mud in an apparent attempt to cross into Mexico.

The Mexican authorities accused the Americans of trying to recover evidence from Mexican soil and threatened to kill them if they crossed the border, prompting both sides to draw their guns, said the 16-year-old boy who asked not to be further identified for fear of reprisal.

The confrontation occurred Monday night over the body of Sergio Adrian Hernandez Huereka, who died of his wounds beside the column of a railroad bridge connecting Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

Each government has made veiled accusations suggesting misconduct on the part of the other's law enforcement agents.

Hernandez was found 20 feet (six meters) into Mexico, and an autopsy revealed that the fatal shot was fired at a relatively close range, according to Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the Chihuahua state attorney general's office. Mexican authorities said a .40 caliber shell casing was found near the body, suggesting that the Border Patrol agent might have crossed into Mexico to shoot the boy.

Judge dismisses Ariz. charges against Warren Jeffs

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—A Mohave County judge on Wednesday dismissed all Arizona charges against polygamist leader Warren Jeffs.

Judge Steven Conn granted a prosecutor's motion to dismiss the four charges of sexual misconduct with a minor with prejudice, meaning they cannot be refiled on the same set of facts.

Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith said the two alleged victims in the cases no longer want to proceed with prosecution in Arizona.

In his motion filed earlier Wednesday, Smith said Jeffs has already served more time in Arizona than he would receive upon conviction, more serious charges are pending against Jeffs in Texas, and Jeffs has had significant medical problems while jailed in Kingman.

Jeffs

"It would be impractical and unnecessary to spend taxpayer money on this defendant under all the above mentioned circumstances," Smith wrote.

Jeffs' attorney, Mike Piccaretta, said he appreciates Smith "fulfilling his ethical duties and dismissing all remaining prosecutions" against Jeffs.

The court ordered the sheriff's office to transport Jeffs back to Utah, where his 2007 convictions on two counts of rape as an accomplice are on appeal. He was sentenced to two consecutive terms of five years to life in prison for the charges, which involved Jeffs' role in the marriage of an underage follower to her husband.

ACROSS THE NATION

Detroit ex-mayor could get boot camp, cut prison

DETROIT (AP)—The Michigan Department of Corrections says imprisoned ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is eligible for a 90-day boot camp program that could cut his time in prison. It's up to Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner to decide if Kilpatrick will go. Corrections spokesman Russ Marlan said Wednesday that the agency sent Groner a letter stating Kilpatrick's eligibility. Groner sentenced Kilpatrick to up to five years in prison last month for violating probation stemming from his conviction for lying under oath about an affair. Kilpatrick was expected to serve at least 14 months. Marlan says those who complete the boot camp automatically receive parole. It includes military-style exercise and work assignments.

Ky. con man admits he murdered 4 in Wis., Ohio

JEFFERSON, Wis. (AP)—Edward Edwards told the world he had given up seducing women, stealing cars and robbing gas stations after a stint on the FBI's Most Wanted List. If the straight and narrow ever really took hold in the self-described cross between John Dillinger and Don Juan, it didn't last long. In court Wednesday, the ailing 76-year-old former con man admitted from his wheelchair to murdering a young Wisconsin couple in 1980. Edwards also agreed to plead guilty Friday to fatally shooting a young Ohio couple in 1977—ten years after being paroled from what he claimed was a life-changing prison sentence. "It's just one more step on the way to hell for him," said Patrick Hack, the brother of 19-year-old victim Tim Hack.

Prosecutors: Man killed over fight about singing

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Trial is set to begin Thursday in Santa Ana, Calif., for a man accused of stabbing to death an acquaintance who didn't like his singing. Julian Sermano is charged with one felony count of murder, one felony count of aggravated assault and a sentencing enhancement for the personal use of a deadly weapon. Prosecutors say Sermano and two other men had been drinking and singing together at an Orange County park in 2007 when the three got into an argument. A fight broke out when the victim, Blas Gutierrez, allegedly suggested he was a better singer than Sermano. Prosecutors say Sermano chased Gutierrez and repeatedly stabbed him with a knife. Gutierrez was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

NKorea warns UN not to discuss warship sinking

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea sent the U.N. Security Council a letter warning the world body to not even open debate on the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang, state media reported Wednesday. South Korea last week officially asked the U.N. Security Council to punish North Korea, after an international investigation said a North torpedo attack sunk a South ship in March, killing 46 sailors. North Korea flatly denies responsibility and says any punishment would trigger war. Sin Son Ho—North Korea's permanent representative at the U.N.—sent Security Council president Claude Heller a letter Tuesday saying the council must not open a debate on the "the unilaterally forged" investigation results because that would fringe upon the North's sovereignty, the official Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch from Pyongyang. "No one would dare imagine how serious its consequences would be" over security on the Korean peninsula if the debate starts, Sin said in the letter, according to the KCNA dispatch.

China wants more dialogue on Iran nuclear issue

BEIJING (AP)—China, which voted for new U.N. sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, said Thursday that the punishment does not mean the door to a diplomatic solution is closed and called for renewed efforts at negotiations. China is a key ally of Iran and could have vetoed the resolution that targets Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles and nuclear-related investments. It had been a vocal opponent of a fourth round of sanctions and its support came about only in recent months after intense lobbying by the United States and its allies. "China always holds that the correct way to address the Iranian nuclear issue is through dialogue, negotiation and other diplomatic means to seek a solution that satisfies the concerns of all parties," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement.

Aquino promises justice as RP president

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Benigno Aquino III was proclaimed president Wednesday and promised justice and action on a host of issues plaguing the Philippines, including poverty and corruption.

"As president, we will be in a position to effect the necessary changes," he said. "With the backing of the people, I don't think anything is impossible."

The Philippine Congress proclaimed Aquino as the nation's 15th president, formalizing the landslide victory of the son of revered democracy icons—Benigno Aquino Jr. and former President Corazon Aquino—in last month's first national automated elections.

The official congressional count, which ended Tuesday, showed Aquino defeating his eight rivals with more than 15 million votes—about 5.7 million ahead of his closest opponent, ousted leader Joseph Estrada.

Aquino, a quiet legislator who served nine years as a congressman and three years as senator, will take his oath June 30.

He will inherit a nation grappling with poverty and debilitated by decades-long Marxist and Muslim insurgencies, military unrest, corruption, violent crime and political strife.

AP

Mediamen raise the hands of Philippine President-elect Benigno Aquino III, third left, as he poses for souvenir photos at the Media Center of the House of Representatives after being proclaimed Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Manila's Quezon city in the Philippines.

Aquino told reporters he felt "a little anxious, a little eager to start solving the problems that are still besetting our countrymen," and promised justice and "closure on so many issues."

Aquino will succeed Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, whose nine-year presidency was wracked by four coup attempts by mutinous troops and by opposition impeachment bids over alleged election fraud, corruption and human rights abuses.

There was no immediate comment from Arroyo, who is visiting China.

Suicide attack kills 40 at Afghan wedding party

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide bomb ripped through a wedding party in full swing in the Taliban's heartland in southern Afghanistan, killing at least 40 people and wounding dozens more, officials said Thursday.

The blast occurred late Wednesday in a housing compound where men had gathered during the festivities, with female guests at a different house that was not hit, one witness said. Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary said children were among the dead and wounded.

The family that was attacked included a number of Afghan police officers. The groom's brother and two of his cousins were in the police force, according to another cousin, Mohammad Alkozay. The groom survived the attack, but was injured.

It occurred in Nadahan village in the Argandab district of Kandahar province, considered the spiritual home of the Taliban, and the focus of an upcoming U.S. military operation.

Bashary said the explosion hit the wedding party about 9 p.m., and that it was a suicide attack. He said at least 40 people were killed and 74 were wounded in the blast. The bride and groom survived.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi denied the group carried out the attack.

U.S. military spokesman Col. Wayne Shanks said the deaths were not the result of an airstrike, and said any suggestion otherwise was "Taliban misinformation."

NATO said in a statement that no service members from the alliance were involved in the incident.

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ITB10-DCCA/NAP-112

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 22, 2010 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-004-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) BRAND NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER, ONE (1) 55" HDTV MONITOR AND ONE (1) PORTABLE COMPUTER CART** to the following airports:

- Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI
- Amata Kabua International Airport, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Chuuk International Airport, Chuuk, FSM
- Kosrae International Airport, Kosrae. FSM
- Pohnpei International Airport, Pohnpei, FSM
- Yap International Airport, Yap, FSM
- Babelthuap Koror International Airport, Republic of Palau

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Procurement and Delivery of One (1) Desktop Computer, One (1) 55" HDTV Monitor and One (1) Portable Computer Cart".*** The proposal must be submitted on or before **4:30 p.m., Monday, JUNE 14, 2010,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The procurement consists of the procurement and delivery of the above-subject equipment to each respective island's Airport Authority, all in accordance with the specifications. The specifications for the computers, the monitors and the carts can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the arrival building at the Saipan International Airport. The specifications for the computer are mandated by the Federal Aviation Adminsitration so there will be absolutely no substitution of components for desktop computer system.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes and shipping and handling costs that will be charged to the company awarded the procurement, including excise tax. CPA will not consider unjustifiable cost escalations due to unforeseen circumstances once contract is executed.

The contract period for delivery of all equipment to each respective island shall be **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from issuance of purchase order.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than June 7, 2010.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Acting Executive Director

June 1, 2010
Date

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC FORUM ON RETIREMENT ISSUES

The Retirement Fund Board of Trustees, together with the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, would be holding a Public Forum to address the issues affecting the Retirement Fund Program.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Place: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Open Forum
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fund Presentation

All retirees and active members of the Retirement Fund are encouraged to attend this forum to gain better knowledge and understanding of the issues and the efforts being made by the Retirement Fund in protecting the Program.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan, to meet with federal Directors from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. DEPT. OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. OTHER MATTERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ **MERCED M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-10-034

REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the office of Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A Pre-Bid conference for this project is scheduled at 9:00 AM., on June 4, 2010, at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Saipan. A project site visit and inspection follows the Pre-Bid meeting.

A non-refundable payment of $200 will be required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms, and will be made available for pick-up, on or after May 28, 2010 at the CUC Water-Wastewater Division Office the 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan,

One (1) original and five (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-10-034, REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 29, 2010** at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior. Progress payments shall be made to the Contractor.

The project consists, in general, of rehabilitating and upgrading the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant. The work shall be done in sequence as necessary in order not to disrupt the daily operation of the treatment plant. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the Belt Filter Press equipment, replacement of pumps, emptying and clean up of all the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, manifolds, clarifier mechanism and accessories, etc.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

All technical and procurement inquiries should be directed to Capt. Robert Lorenz, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net, Christy Lazaro, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email Ms. Christi@cucgov.net. & Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE U. MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION TO BID
CUC-ITB-10-035

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals or firms to bid on Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses (Scrap). Interested bidders must bid on all items as specified and must be one bid only. Multiple bids are not allowed.

The bid forms and the list of surveyed transformers & regulator carcasses are available at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room 4, Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and five (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-ITB-10-035, Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 A.M. (CHST) local time, June 29, 2010,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The prospective bidder must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from any claim resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed property. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed property to the prospective bidder in a ***"As is, Where is"*** condition. By accepting this transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the properties.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

All inquiries shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager, via email msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Robert Malate, Power Division Engineer via email rmalate@cucgov.net and Mr. John Mafnas, Warehouse Manager via email jcm@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operations

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. TMS-2010-X-031 to conduct quarry operations on 50,000 square meters of land located in Piña, Tinian. Quarrying activities will include the use of heavy equipment for crushing, digging, sifting, sorting, and transporting quarry materials.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 6:30 pm, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria**, in San Jose, Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and make oral comments regarding this proposed quarry project. The project file is open for review 7:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M. Monday–Friday at CRM office. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM Saipan Office located at Spring Plaza in Chalan Laulau , or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, or faxed to 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed quarry project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300 if you require further information regarding this notice of public hearing.

/s/ Rita C. Chong - Dela Cruz
Director
Coastal Resources Management

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. at the CRM conference room, Spring Plaza, Chalan Laulau, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. GPPC Inc. Quarry - CRM Reference No. TMS-2010-X-031
   - a. Permit application/summary by CRMO
   - b. Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
   - c. Permit status determination (CRM Agencies/CRM)

III. OTHER MATTERS
1. Triple J - 60 Three-Bedrooms Apartment Building, Chalan Kanoa

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.]

Rita C. Chong - Dela Cruz
Director

World

US gets tough but not crippling Iran sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United States and its allies won approval for the toughest U.N. sanctions against Iran for refusing to negotiate on its suspect nuclear program—but they're not the "crippling" penalties U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton vowed to pursue a year ago if U.S. attempts to engage Iran diplomatically failed.

The big question now is whether the new sanctions will somehow persuade the Iranians to suspend their fast-expanding uranium enrichment program and sit down at the negotiating table with the U.S., China, Russia and other major powers who have offered a package of incentives if they do.

Three previous rounds of sanctions failed to get the Iranians into talks and Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dismissed Wednesday's fourth round as "annoying flies, like a used tissue."

Obama

The Security Council first imposed limited sanctions in December 2006 and has been ratcheting them up in hopes of pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program. Iran has repeatedly defied the demand and has stepped up its activities, building a clandestine nuclear enrichment plant at Qom, enriching uranium to 20 percent, and announcing plans to build new nuclear facilities.

The latest sanctions were approved by a vote of 12-2, with Lebanon abstaining and Brazil and Turkey voting "no."

The adoption followed several months of difficult negotiations by the five veto-wielding permanent U.N. Security Council members—the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France—and non-member Germany. Iran launched a diplomatic offensive in April to try to block it.

President Barack Obama said the new resolution imposes "the toughest sanctions ever faced by the Iranian government, and it sends an unmistakable message about the international community's commitment to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons."

The president said he had offered to pursue diplomatic solutions, but the six powers seeking negotiations had been rebuffed by Tehran "time and again."

"Actions do have consequences, and today the Iranian government will face some of those consequences," Obama said.

Iran's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Khazaee warned, however, that "no amount of pressure and mischief will be able to break our nation's determination to pursue and defend its legal and inalienable rights" to produce nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, also warned that "choosing the option of confrontation will bring Iran's resolute response," which he did not disclose, according to Iran's official news agency.

Holloway suspect targeted in sting, not arrested

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI thought it was closing in on Joran van der Sloot in the notorious Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, and he was videotaped and paid $25,000 in a sting operation. But when the agency delayed his arrest to help build a criminal case, he took the money and headed for Peru, where authorities say he now has confessed to killing a different young woman.

The investigation of Van der Sloot in the Alabama teenager's case simply was not far enough along to have him arrested, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham said Wednesday.

Holloway disappeared on the island of Aruba on May 30, 2005.

Van der Sloot is now expected to be charged with murder in Peru in the killing, exactly five years later, of 21-year-old business student Stephany Flores, the daughter of a Peruvian circus promoter and former race car driver whom he meet playing poker at a casino.

In his hotel room, Van der Sloot strangled Flores with his two hands and smashed her in the face with an elbow, the chief of Peru's criminal police, Gen. Cesar Guardia, told The Associated Press in Lima on Wednesday.

"He's irascible. He has no self-control," Guardia said. He's also very calculated, the general said, taking Flores' cash, about $300 in Peruvian currency, and two credit cards.

The 22-year-old Dutchman's confession was so thorough—and backed by such conclusive evidence—that police decided to waive the usual crime scene visit, Guardia added.

Police will formally ask prosecutors Thursday to charge Van der Sloot with murder, for which he would face from 15 to 35 years in prison if convicted.

Guardia said Van der Sloot attested in his confession Monday that he killed Flores because she found out about the Aruba case by using his laptop without his permission. But he said police didn't necessarily believe him.

The evidence against the Dutchman includes hotel security camera video showing Flores and Van der Sloot entering his hotel room together and the Dutchman leaving alone four hours later.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
NMHC EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 01
NMHC RFP 2010-R-005

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAIPAN LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL KIOS KU PROJECT, PHASE II

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II, Chalan Kanoa Village, District No. 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This design services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009(CDBG-R).

Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposals procedures shall be in full compliance with section 4-102 of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office, Saipan. No fees required in obtaining the proposal package. Pre-Proposal Conference is schedule on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670) 234-9021 no later than **Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.**, local time.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of completion, with details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (names and experience) not to exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractor may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of services – 30%
2. Project approach – 20%
3. Capacity to accomplished the work in the required time – 25%
4. Past performance on contract with Government on similar projects – 25%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **NMHC RFP 2010-R-005: Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II**. For proposal within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) workings for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement @pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than **Tuesday, June 08, 2010** AND must be received no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

AMENDED OPENING DATE: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **Wednesday, June 16, 2010.** However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010.**

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon;

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS-IFB-10-059

"A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR TINIAN ELEMENTARY AND TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for Tinian Elementary and Tinian High School on Tinian,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on May 28, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $43.00.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on June 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Tinian Elementary Library on Tinian. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than June 23, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-059, and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m, local time, June 29, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 1, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on June 29, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert_florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than June 29, 2010 and must be received no later than July 7, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., July 12, 2010.

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-063

"LAPTOPS FOR AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of "**Laptops for Agape Christian School".** The Scope of Work is available beginning June 4, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Faxed request maybe sent to 664-3791.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-063"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than June 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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State Board of Education
Public School System
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-064

"TO ESTABLISH AND FACILITATE A TEACHER MENTORING AND MONITORING INSTITUTE FOR THE CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the **"Establishment and Facilitation of a Teacher Mentoring and Monitoring Institute".** The Scope of Work is available beginning Friday, June 11, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol HIll, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Jackie A. Quitugua, Associate Commissioner for Instructional Services at 664-3796 or e-mailed to jackiequitugua@gmail.com **no later than Thursday, June 24, 2010.**

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-064" containing one (1) Original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office **no later than 10:00 AM Friday, July 2, 2010.** Any proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
P&S Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-073

"TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSES IN METHODOLOGY FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firm interested in "**Providing Teacher Certification Courses for Elementary Teachers in Methodology for the Public School System."** The Scope of Work is available beginning June 11, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Coreen Palacios, Assistant Director HRO at 664-3707 or e-mailed to coreen.palacios@cnmipss.org no later than Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.. Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-073" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, July 9, 2010 at 10:30 a.m..

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 a.m. local time on July 9, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and five copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 9, 2010 and must be received no later than July 20, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-074

"TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSES IN METHODOLOGY FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firm interested in "**Providing Teacher Certification Courses for Secondary Teachers in Methodology for the Public School System."** The Scope of Work is available beginning June 11, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Coreen Palacios, Assistant Director HRO at 664-3707 or e-mailed to coreen.palacios@cnmipss.org no later than Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.. Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-074" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, July 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m..

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 a.m. local time on July 9, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and five copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 9, 2010 and must be received no later than July 20, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the American Recovery AND Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Wash. business offers $1,000 for stolen doormat

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A Washington state business is offering a $1,000 reward to catch a thief who took a doormat worth about $20. KREM-TV reported that the owners of Advanced Metal Technologies in Spokane are angry at the ripoff and want to catch the man who may be looking to break into the metal building business. Surveillance video shows that the thief drove up about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, looked in the window and then grabbed the doormat.

Quite a feet: Oregon man runs 102 miles barefoot

TALENT, Ore. (AP)—Todd Ragsdale enjoyed a peppermint mineral foot soak while relaxing at home Monday. It was well deserved after running a world-record distance without shoes over the weekend. Between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday, the 41-year-old logged 102 miles barefoot—413 laps on the South Medford High School track. Ragsdale made his run in the Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The run left Ragsdale's feet bruised, blistered and swollen, but he said it was well worth it.

Mass. teacher finds 1792 document in classroom

PEABODY, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts teacher cleaning up her classroom in preparation for a move has discovered a Colonial-era document buried in a pile of outdated textbooks and dusty scraps of papers. Michelle Eugenio, a fourth-grade teacher in Peabody, found the yellowed sheet of paper two weeks ago. Dated April 1792 and protected by plastic, it appears to document the payment of a debt by a Vermont man named Jonathan Bates. Peabody Historical Society President Bill Power verified the paper's authenticity. He tells The Salem News he was thrilled with the discovery. No one knows how the paper ended up at Peabody's Center School or how long it has been there. Bates served in the Continental Army in 1780 and died in 1808 at age 63. He's buried in Williamstown, Vt.

NY pizza-payoff cop admits faking his own shooting

GOWANDA, N.Y. (AP)—A New York police officer who pleaded guilty to official misconduct for taking three pizzas as payment for covering up a woman's traffic ticket now admits he faked his own shooting. Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita says Jason Miller, a former part-time officer in the western New York village of Gowanda, confessed that he hung his bulletproof vest on a tree and shot it two years ago. The admission was part of last month's plea deal in the pizza case. Miller admitted he arrested a driver for a suspended license in June 2009 and accepted the pizzas to drop the ticket. Miller's attorney, Daniel Henry, declined to comment Tuesday. Miller faces up to a year in jail. He resigned in September.

Man arrested in Ga. in car he'd reported stolen

ROME, Ga. (AP)—Police arrested a 24-year-old man they said was found driving his car after he'd reported it stolen. Officers at the Floyd County Jail said Wednesday that Ryan Lance Roland, who was arrested Saturday, was still in jail after being granted bond of $2,700 on charges of false report of a crime and driving under the influence. Police said Roland, who was staying at a motel, had told officers someone had entered his room when he was out and his car had been stolen. Officers watched for the 2001 Acura Integra on the road and spotted it—with Roland behind the wheel. Roland was jailed after an alcohol test. Police said he told them a friend had borrowed the car but failed to return it when promised.

Jail trusty allegedly uses leg for smuggling

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP)—Rapides Parish authorities accuse a jail trusty of using his prosthetic leg to smuggle contraband into the jail. The Alexandria Town Talk reported that 42-year-old man was arrested and charged with introduction of contraband into a penal institution and possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Herman Walters, Rapides Parish sheriff's assistant chief deputy, said during a routine check of trusties coming back to the facility Friday, correctional officers discovered the contraband hidden in his prosthetic leg. Walter said officers found bags of loose tobacco, 10 cigarettes, a container of smokeless tobacco and four Soma pills—a muscle relaxer.

Ohio woman jailed for calling 911 seeking husband

ALLIANCE, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio woman spent three days in jail for calling the 911 emergency line five times seeking a husband. The dispatcher was flabbergasted by the requests and asked Audrey Scott, of Alliance, "You need to get a husband?" The 57-year-old Scott responded, "Yes." Told that she could face arrest for misusing 911, Scott responded, "Let's do it." Scott was convicted last week of improper use of the 911 system and was sentenced to the three days in jail, which she had already served since her arrest. Seven other days were suspended if she stays out of trouble for a year. After her release, Scott blamed the case on alcohol. There is no phone listing for Scott, who could not be reached for additional comment Wednesday.

Obscenities-laden jury summons gets man in trouble

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—An Arizona man who bluntly expressed his displeasure about being called to jury duty has landed himself in legal hot water. Timothy Michael Jones was ordered to appear Tuesday in court to explain why he sent back a jury questionnaire with obscenities written in black marker. He failed to show and Yuma County Superior Court Judge Andrew Gould issued a bench warrant. Jones now faces a charge of indirect criminal contempt, which carries possible penalties of six months in jail and a fine of up to $300. Court records show Jones was sent a jury summons last month telling him he had been randomly selected as a prospective juror along with the questionnaire.

Police: Bossy robbers make victim help carry loot

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Indianapolis police say three armed men who broke into a man's apartment not only stole his flat-screen television, they forced him to help them move it down a flight of stairs. A police report said 30-year-old Jason Geminden and his girlfriend were asleep when three masked men armed with handguns woke them about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday. The pair were forced to stay on the bed while the men ransacked the apartment, taking jewelry, electronics and car keys. At one point one of the men ordered Geminden to get up and help carry his 32-inch TV downstairs.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-036

IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLANS AT CUC POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms for the Implementation of workplans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until June 17, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (7) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-036 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **June 14, 2010 at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time** at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Bldg.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **June 18, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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June 11, 2010

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. GPPC Inc. CRM Reference No. TMS-X-2010-X-031	03/19/10	Quarry Operation	Tinian	Major Sitting	Certified Complete - 06/10/10

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Science & Technology

Swiss solar cell inventor wins technology prize

HELSINKI (AP)—Swiss scientist Michael Graetzel won the 2010 Millennium Technology Prize on Wednesday for helping to develop cheap solar cells for renewable energy projects.

The German-born chemist, director of the photonics and interfaces laboratory at Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne in the Swiss city of the same name—was awarded the euro800,000 ($960,000) prize by the Technology Academy of Finland for his innovation, which led to the development of electricity-generating windows and mobile solar panels.

The Finnish academy said finding ways to replace the Earth's diminishing fossil fuel supply was one of mankind's greatest challenges, adding that the sun is "the most obvious energy source."

"The constraint of solar energy has traditionally been its price. Graetzel cells provide a more affordable way of harnessing solar energy," said Ainomaija Haarla, president of the academy. "Graetzel's innovation is likely to have an important role in low-cost, large-scale solutions for renewable energy."

The academy described the price-performance ratio of Graetzel's cells as "excellent, adding that they had just made their commercial debut.

"The technology often described as 'artificial photosynthesis' ... is made of low-cost materials and does not need an elaborate apparatus to manufacture," the academy said.

Graetzel, 66, won the main prize while runners up—Sir Richard Friend and Stephen Furber, both British—were each awarded euro150,000 ($180,000) for plastic electronics and microprocessors.

Friend, a professor of physics at the University of Cambridge, was cited for inventing organic Light Emitting Diodes, known as LEDs, "a crucial milestone in plastic electronics."

"Electronic paper, cheap organic solar cells and illuminating wall paper are examples of the revolutionary future products his work has made possible," the international award committee said.

Furber, a professor of computer engineering at the University of Manchester, is the principal designer of the 32-bit ARM microprocessor that the academy said "has revolutionized mobile electronics."

"The ingeniously designed processor enabled the development of cheap, powerful, handheld, battery-operated devices. In the past 25 years, nearly 20 billion ARM-based chips have been manufactured," it added.

Stig Gustavson, chairman of the academy's board, said that all three inventions "benefit mankind as broadly as possible, both today and in the future."

It was the fourth time that Finland has awarded the biennial Millennium Technology Prize, launched by the government and Finnish industry in 2004. The prizes are for achievements in energy and the environment, communications and information, new materials and processes as well as for health care and life sciences.

New hire is new fire under Mass. cell phone ban

BOSTON (AP)—A man who beat out thousands of job applicants for work as a Boston bus driver has been fired after less than a week for allegedly violating a ban on cell phone use.

The man was hired by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority through a 27,000-person job lottery conducted to fill 34 vacancies. MBTA General Manager Richard Davey said Wednesday the new driver was seen using a cell phone at a training site. When a supervisor approached, the trainee allegedly snapped it shut and got on a bus.

The agency policy requires the immediate firing of any driver caught using a cell phone while on duty. The policy was instituted last year after a driver slammed his trolley into another train while sending a text message to his girlfriend.

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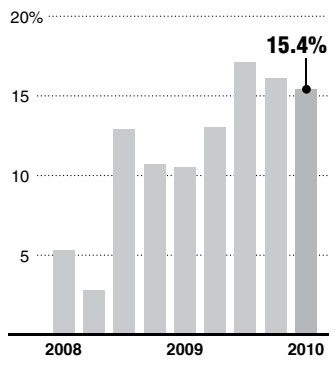
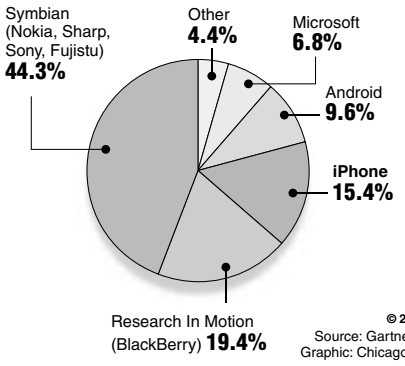
iPhone market share

By quarter, for world smart phone market



Global smart phone market share

For Q1 2010, by phone operating system



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Stump The Geeks

How to link e-mail photos with correct program

By ANNE KRISHNAN
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

QUESTION: Sometimes on my Dell PC I receive an e-mail with an attachment (usually pictures) which I cannot open. The message, "This file does not have a program associated with it to perform this action. Create an association in the Folder Option control panel" comes up. I cannot figure how to do this. Can you help?—R.S., Burlington, N.C.

ANSWER: What you need to do is designate the program that will open the file for you.

In XP, start by going to the "start" menu and choosing "Control Panel." Select "Folder Options" and, in the window that pops up, click on the tab that reads, "File Types."

In the box, you'll see every type of file extension imaginable. Look for the extension on the file you need help with. (If it's a photo, you're probably looking for jpg or jpeg.) Clicking on the extension will show you which program is associated with it and give you the chance to change it.

If you can't find the extension, click the "New" button to add one. First, enter the extension and click "OK." When it appears in the list of file extensions, click on it and then click the "Change" button.

Click to "select the program from a list," and Microsoft will give you a list of options with its recommendations at the top. If you don't see what you need, you can opt to have your computer search the Web for appropriate programs to associate with it.

For instance, I entered .tif, clicked to change the associated program and then clicked to select from a list. The computer's first choice was Photoshop, which is my first choice, too. I highlighted Photoshop, clicked "OK" then "Close" and was done.

There's also a shortcut for one-time viewing. Just save the file to your desktop and right-click on it. Choose "Open with" and pick the program you want to use. It's quick, but to create a permanent association, you'll have to do it the longer way.

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Q: How can I change the line spacing between sentences when trying to prepare a letter? Everything is one-and-a-half lines apart.—P.V., Cary, N.C.

A: In Microsoft Word, highlight the text and go to "Format," then "Paragraph." The third section is for spacing. Click on the drop-down menu that currently reads "1.5 lines," and choose single or double, whichever you prefer.

There are "Before" and "After" boxes to the left of the line spacing that measure the amount of space between paragraphs. If you wanted to single-space your letter but have an extra space or half space between paragraphs, that's where you'd go to set it automatically.

Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.

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Sanchez, Antonio I.	Grace Christian Academy	CAC#10-404-06	06/21/2010 @ 1000am

Failure to appear at your scheduled investigation shall be ground for default and may result in the referral of affected worker to the Division of Immigration for their action and sanction against the employer.

Dated this 4th day of June 2010.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Camacho
Enforcement, OIC

Life & Style

Oldest leather shoe steps out after 5,500 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—About 5,500 years ago someone in the mountains of Armenia put his best foot forward in what is now the oldest leather shoe ever found.

It'll never be confused with a penny loafer or a track shoe, but the well-preserved footwear was made of a single piece of leather, laced up the front and back, researchers reported Wednesday in PLoS One, a journal of the Public Library of Science.

Worn and shaped by the wearer's right foot, the shoe was found in a cave along with other evidence of human occupation. The shoe had been stuffed with grass, which dated to the same time as the leather of the shoe—between 5,637 and 5,387 years ago.

"This is great luck," enthused archaeologist Ron Pinhasi of University College Cork in Cork, Ireland, who led the research team.

"We normally only find broken pots, but we have very little information about the day-to-day activity" of these ancient people. "What did they eat? What did they do? What did they wear? This is a chance to see this ... it gives us a real glimpse into society," he said in a telephone interview.

Previously the oldest leather shoe discovered in Europe or Asia was on the famous Otzi, the "Iceman" found frozen in the Alps a few years ago and now preserved in Italy. Otzi has been dated to 5,375 and 5,128 years ago, a few hundred years more recent than the Armenian shoe.

Otzi's shoes were made of deer and bear leather held together by a leather strap. The Armenian shoe appears to be made of cowhide, Pinhasi said.

Older sandals have been found in a cave in Missouri, but those were made of fiber rather than leather.

The shoe found in what is now Armenia was found in a pit, along with a broken pot and some wild goat horns.

But Pinhasi doesn't think it was thrown away. There was discarded material that had been tossed outside the cave, while this pit was inside in the living area. And while the shoe had been worn, it wasn't worn out.

It's not clear if the grass that filled the shoe was intended as a lining or insulation, or to maintain the shape of the shoe when it was stored, according to the researchers.

The Armenian shoe was small by current standards—European size 37 or U.S. women's size 7—but might have fit a man of that era, according to Pinhasi.

He described the shoe as a single piece of leather cut to fit the foot. The back of the shoe was closed by a lace passing through four sets of eyelets. In the front, 15 pairs of eyelets were used to lace from toe to top.

There was no reinforcement in the sole, just the one layer of soft leather. "I don't know how long it would last in rocky terrain," Pinhasi said.

He noted that the shoe is similar to a type of footwear common in the Aran Islands, west of Ireland, up until the 1950s. The Irish version, known as "pampooties" reportedly didn't last long, he said.

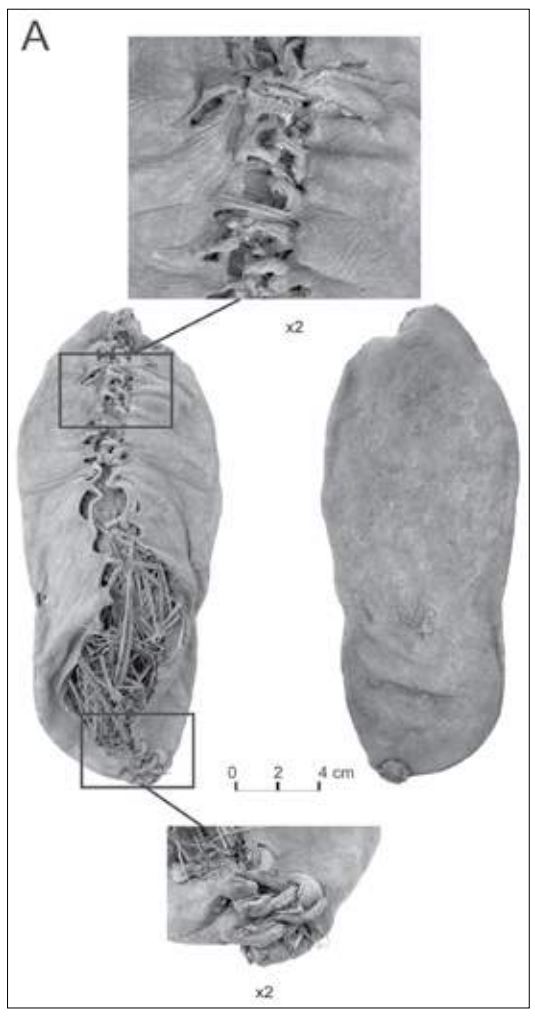
"In fact, enormous similarities exist between the manufacturing technique and style of this (Armenian) shoe and those found across Europe at later periods, suggesting that this type of shoe was worn for thousands of years across a large and environmentally diverse region," Pinhasi said.

While the Armenian shoe was soft when unearthed, the leather has begun to harden now that it is exposed to air, Pinhasi said.

Oh, and unlike a lot of very old shoes, it didn't smell.

Pinhasi said the shoe is currently at the Institute of Archaeology in Yerevan, but he hopes it will be sent to laboratories in either Switzerland or Germany where it can be treated for preservation and then returned to Armenia for display in a museum.

Pinhasi, meanwhile, is heading back to Armenia this week, hoping the other shoe will drop.



This undated handout photo provided by the Department of Archaeology University College Cork, Cork Ireland, shows a well preserved and complete shoe was recovered at the base of a Chalcolithic pit in the cave in Armenia.

AP

Newt Gingrich promotes film on Pope John Paul II

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich—a recent convert to Catholicism—is in Poland promoting a documentary he co-produced on Pope John Paul II's role in defeating communism.

Gingrich, a Republican, is preaching to the converted: the Polish-born pope is revered, and Poles credit him with inspiring the struggle that eventually helped bring down the Soviet-backed communists in eastern Europe.

Gingrich said Wednesday that his film, "Nine Days that Changed the World," is still needed to remind young Poles, secular historians and people worldwide of John Paul's anti-totalitarian convictions. The film, which will be screened at American universities this fall, is also being translated into Chinese and Spanish in hopes it will inspire people in Cuba and elsewhere, Gingrich said.

"We believe the pope's message of freedom through faith and his principle that no government can get between you and God is a principle that is relevant in every country, for every person around the world," Gingrich said at a news conference in Warsaw attended by the film's director and the other producers, among them his wife, Callista Gingrich.

AP

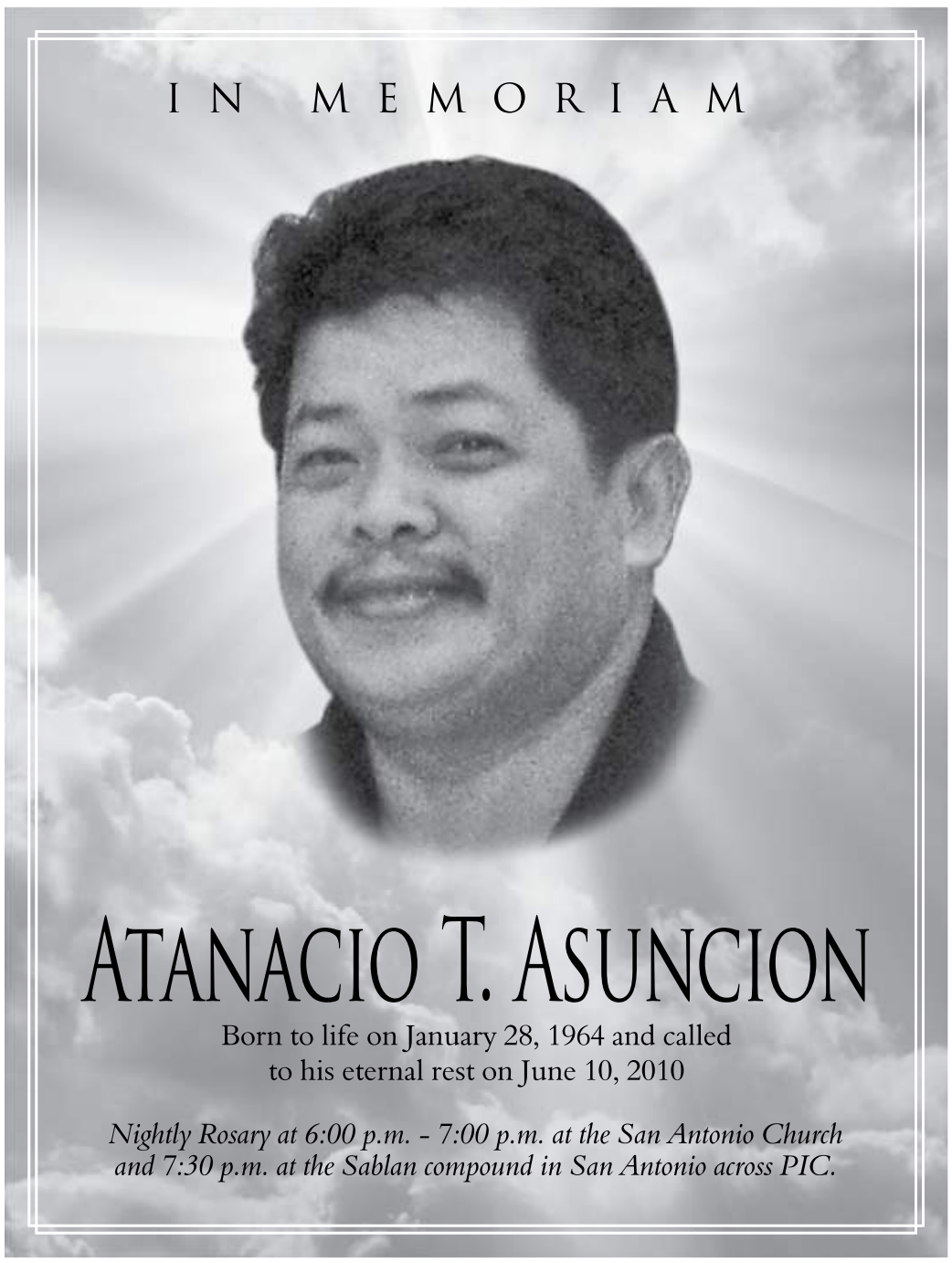
Newt Gingrich, a prominent U.S. Republican and now a convert to Catholicism, discusses a new film, "Nine Days that Changed the World" which he co-produced on Pope John Paul II's historic role in defeating communism in eastern Europe, on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in Warsaw, Poland.

The film tracks a visit John Paul made to Poland in 1979—his first back to his homeland after being elected pontiff—and the electrifying effect it had on Poland's anti-communist opposition.

Within just over a year, Lech Walesa's Solidarity freedom movement was born. Walesa and other activists have said the massive crowds that came out during the nine-day visit to see the pope encouraged opposition activists by giving them a sense of the large-scale opposition to the communist regime. John Paul's sermons, though subtle, also challenged the communists' authority and called for freedom.

Gingrich, a Georgia congressman, said he converted to Catholicism last year. Previously he was a Baptist, but started growing closer to Catholicism after marrying Callista—a lifelong Roman Catholic—10 years ago. He was also inspired by seeing Pope Benedict XVI during his 2008 visit to the United States.

"It was a process which had occurred over about a nine-year period," he said. "I was catching up with what had happened to me, I wasn't making a decision. The decision was sort of unveiling itself."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BOOKEND BRIEFS

Obama writing foreword for Nelson Mandela's book

NEW YORK (AP)—From one Nobel winner to another: President Barack Obama is writing a foreword to Nelson Mandela's new book. Publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux announced Wednesday that Obama will contribute to Mandela's "Conversations With Myself." It is a collection of diaries, journals and other personal materials of the former South African president and apartheid foe. The book comes out Oct. 12.

Books based on 'Glee' set for August release

NEW YORK (AP)—The class of "Glee" will be hitting the books. Little Brown Books for Young Readers announced Wednesday that five authorized books based on the hit Fox series will be coming out, starting in August with the prequel novel, "The Beginning." The "Glee" releases will be a collaboration between Little Brown and the creative team behind the dramatic comedy about a high school glee club. Among the stars of "Glee" are Matthew Morrison as glee club director, Jane Lynch as cheerleading squad coach and Lea Michele as the singing standout. "The Beginning" will come out in time for the premiere of the show's second season.

Fans lift Carrie Underwood to 2 CMT Awards wins

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The fans love Carrie Underwood and they proved it again during the CMT Music Awards.

The former "American Idol" champ won Wednesday night's top honor, video of the year for "Cowboy Casanova," and CMT performance of the year for "Temporary Home" two months after making history by winning her second Academy of Country Music Awards entertainer of the year. Both awards are chosen by fans tuned into the live shows.

She was the night's only multiple winner.

"They were there before I had anything, an album, a record deal, a tour or anything like that," Underwood said after the show. "They built me from the ground up."

The CMT Awards, which are chosen exclusively by fan voting, were another salute to some of country music's top young stars. Lady Antebellum continued its scorching run by winning group video of the year for the trio's crossover hit "Need You Now" and Miranda Lambert taking female video of the year for "White Liar," her first No.1 song.

"Tonight's all about the fans," trio member Dave Haywood said after receiving the belt buckle trophy given to winners. "Thank you fans!"

Lambert followed up three wins at the ACM Awards with yet another win. She jumped up and pumped her fists as she made her way through the crowd and shouted, "My first buckle! This rocks!" when she reached the stage.

Lambert's "White Liar" video features the red-hot singer ditching her dishonest husband-to-be at the alter for his cheating ways. It was the first time she put on a wedding dress. The second time will come when she weds fiance Blake Shelton.

"Let's just hope that my next wedding doesn't end up like that video," she told the crowd.

Keith Urban won male video of the year for "'Til Summer Comes Around." After sending a shoutout to his wife, actress Nicole Kidman, who attended the awards, he turned serious and talked of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I want to send my deepest love to all the families around the gulf, who are going for an insane time right now," Urban said.

AP

Country singer Carrie Underwood poses with her Video of the Year award and CMT Performance of the Year award in the press room at the 2010 CMT Music Awards, in Nashville, Tenn. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

A few minutes later Urban lit up the stage with a scorching guitar duel with John Mayer as the two played "Hit The Ground Runnin'."

"John Mayer and Keith Urban making love on guitars," the show's host, Kid Rock, said.

It was one of the hottest performances in a night full of them.

The CMT Music Awards usually skew lighthearted and with the rowdy Kid Rock hosting, things quickly got interesting.

The good times started immediately when he was joined on stage by surprise guest Hank Williams Jr., who rarely attends awards shows, Trace Adkins, Zac Brown, Jamey Johnson, Randy Houser, Martina McBride and Kellie Pickler for a medley of "Cowboy," "Bawitdaba" and "Good Ol' Boys."

Empire State Building: No lights for Mother Teresa

NEW YORK (AP)—When the Empire State Building lights up, reaching 102 stories into the Manhattan sky, people lift their eyes and guess what that night's colors might mean—a holiday, a charitable cause, maybe a Yankees win or a birthday.

But sometimes, color turns to controversy.

Tens of thousands of people are now in an uproar about the building owner's refusal to light New York City's tallest skyscraper in blue and white to honor Mother Teresa in August on what would be her 100th birthday.

"The Empire State Building celebrates many cultures and causes in the world community with iconic lightings, and has a tradition of lightings for the religious holidays of Easter, Eid al Fitr (marking the end of Ramadan), Hanukkah, and Christmas," owner Anthony E. Malkin said in a statement Wednesday.

But the real estate mogul said the privately owned building "has a specific policy against any other lighting for religious figures or requests by religions and religious organizations."

The lay advocacy group Catholic League, which requested the lights for Mother Teresa, countered that individual religious figures have, in fact, been posthumously honored at the Empire State Building: Cardinal John O'Connor in 2000, with the red and white colors of his position; Pope John Paul II in 2005, with the tower lights symbolically extinguished; and famed Baptist preacher Martin Luther King Jr. with red, black and green.

An e-mail sent to Malkin spokesman Daniel Hernandez Lyon asking about religious figures being honored was not answered Wednesday.

The League first asked for the lights in February and was denied.

Anyone can apply to have the building illuminated for what's dear to them. But the privately owned landmark considers selection "a privilege, not an entitlement," according to the website with the application form.

Applications are evaluated by the Empire State Building Co., which says online that decisions are made "at the sole discretion of the ownership and management."

More than 40,000 people have signed a petition in support of the special lights for Mother Teresa.

Cindy Caprio, an aspiring young actor who works as a hostess at a bar facing the Empire State Building, says she spends her night shift at the door greeting greets—and seeing the colors above her change daily.

"I don't always know what the colors mean, but I look up every day, and I love it," she said Wednesday. "I can usually figure it out for the Fourth of July or the Yankees. And I sometimes guess right."

And when she goes home to Hoboken, N.J., across the river, she can still see the Empire State Building, glowing from afar.

Chile museum: Diana dress part of fashion history

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—A Chilean museum said it was willing to pay a princely sum for one of Lady Diana Spencer's first official gowns because the dress is an important piece of fashion history.

The strapless, silk taffeta dress' revealing cut and striking black color caused a minor scandal when Diana was pictured wearing it to a charity event in 1981. But while some thought it too daring, it helped turn the 19-year-old royal bride-to-be into an overnight fashion icon.

"It is a very different dress from what royalty wore at that time in England," said Hernan Garcia, director of the Museo de la Moda in Santiago.

"It marks the change that she continued to make both in her country and around the world," Garcia said. "It is a symbol of the (fashion) changes that were to come later."

The museum purchased the garment Tuesday for nearly 200,000 pounds (more than $275,000)—several times the original estimated value.

It plans to make the gown the centerpiece of an exhibit opening this month titled "Back to the '80s."

Last year, the Museo de la Moda displayed clothing that belonged to the late pop superstar Michael Jackson.

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In this Friday May 28, 2010 photo, designer Elizabeth Emanuel stands with two dresses and a blouse that she designed for Princess Diana, at an auction house in London.

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Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

Friday		4:25	7:10	9:35
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Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
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Marmaduke
Owen Wilson, George Lopez
Children's, Family • Rated PG

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Synopsis
Canine comic strip star Marmaduke leaps to the big screen with this family-friendly comedy starring Owen Wilson as the voice of the Great Dane. Also lending their voices to the 20th Century Fox production are Steve Coogan, pop star Fergie, George Lopez, and the brotherly duo of Damon and Marlon Wayans, with William H. Macy and Judy Greer heading up the human cast.

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Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl
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Splice
Adrien Brody, Sarah Poley
Science, Fiction • Rated R

Friday		4:15	7:15
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Mon thru Thurs		4:15	

The Prince of Persia
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

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Get Him To The Greek
Jonah Hill, Russell Brand
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated R

Friday			9:55
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Sex And The City 2
Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Comedy • Rated PG

Friday			10:00
Saturday			10:00
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Shrek: The Final Chapter
Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

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S. African students do a Zulu dance for Shakira

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—A group of South African students showed Shakira how their hips don't lie when they danced to the rhythm of the African drum Wednesday while the singer was visiting their suburban elementary school south of the city.

The Colombian pop star came to the Isu'lihle school, on the narrow, sinewy streets of the suburb of Soweto, to promote the 1Goal initiative, which urges world leaders to make education a political priority to improve the quality of life around the globe.

Shakira is among the artists performing Thursday at the World Cup Kickoff Concert. Juanes, Alicia Keys and the Black Eyed Peas are also slated to perform.

The schoolgirls, in red and black printed dresses, began to dance the Zulu "Indlamu" as soon as Shakira came through the school's doors.

The dancing continued with a performance from a local dance troupe, Youth Stand Together. They demonstrated the "Gumboot dance," with choreography inspired by South African miners who finish their workday with a mix of celebration and vigorous physical movements that help keep them in shape.

La cantante colombiana Shakira baila con niños de la escuela Isu'lihle en Soweto, Johannesburgo. AP

Later, sitting at a desk with a group of students, Shakira told stories of her elementary school days.

"The first two days, when my mom brought me to school, I cried," she said. "But later I told her, 'I'm OK mom. I like it.'"

Next, it was off to the school's field, where she thanked the students for their performances by teaching them a few steps of "Waka Waka," the official song of the World Cup. For a moment, everyone danced together to the beat of the drum.

"I see that you're all musicians, dancers and very talented students," Shakira told the children, all residents of a Johannesburg suburb established as a black ghetto during apartheid, a shanty town of tiny homes made of brick, wood and sheet metal.

The activist and award-winning singer told the media that she sees the World Cup as "an enormous opportunity in which the world comes together to bring to light themes like education."

She said she feels she has been enriched by participating in the kickoff concert, having been chosen to sing the event's theme song, "Waka Waka (This is Africa) with the Ciudad del Cabo Freshlyground band.

"It's very emotional (to perform in the concert)," she said. "It's an important day for me."

She did not address the discontent expressed by some in South Africa who said a native singer should have been chosen to sing the World Cup theme.

Thursday's concert will feature international and local artists.

Larry King's wife recovering from apparent OD

PROVO, Utah (AP)—A spokesman for Larry King said Wednesday that the talk-show host's wife is recovering after an apparent prescription drug overdose last month in Utah.

Emergency medical workers were called to Shawn King's home in Provo on May 28. Her father dialed 911 after finding the 50-year-old woman in her bed, breathing but not responding when he tried to wake her, according to a transcript of the emergency call, which was released through an open-records request Wednesday.

Karl Engemann told the dispatcher that he thought she may have taken too much medication for anxiety or depression.

King

Officers who responded to the call found several prescription bottles, including Ambien and anti-anxiety medication, that had been filled within 10 days but were empty, according to a police report. It also said there was a handwritten note that indicated she had taken the pills intentionally.

Another note expressed Shawn King's desire to be buried in Utah, police said.

The report did not include any mention of why Shawn King may have wanted to harm herself. Engemann had told the dispatcher that he did not suspect it was a suicide attempt.

The Kings filed for divorce in April, but Larry King released a statement through his spokesman, Howard Rubenstein, saying "reports that we have fought are absolutely false."

Shawn King is Larry King's seventh wife. The couple has been married since 1997 and has two sons.

"Our marriage is still together, and I am staying very close to our children, who we love immensely," Larry King said. "We shall go through this difficult time intact as a family."

CA renews bid to suspend Jackson doctor's license

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California's medical board has again asked a judge to suspend the license of the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death.

The state attorney general's office argued in a brief filed Monday that the current prohibition against Dr. Conrad Murray using anesthetics is insufficient.

"While the defendant asserts that he will not practice in California, there is no legal bar to him changing his mind and engaging in practice in this state," the filing states.

It also argues, "it is not just his 'prescribing' practices that are in question, but his fundamental judgment and skill as a physician."

Murray's attorney Ed Chernoff said he will file a response to the court later this week.

Murray is due back in court Monday. He has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of the singer from the anesthetic propofol and other drugs.

Murray's medical license is likely to be the dominant issue of the hearing.

His lawyers have previously argued it is unnecessary to revoke Murray's California license since he does not practice in the state. They also cautioned that a suspension would have a domino effect leading to his inability to practice at his clinics in Nevada and Texas, where he is also licensed.

In April, the Texas Medical Board restricted Murray from administering propofol or any anesthetic agent normally administered by an anesthesiologist.

Murray's medical license in Nevada is also at risk because of unpaid child support payments.

Last month, the cardiologist stabilized a woman who fell unconscious and had a weak pulse on a US Airways flight from Houston.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Ricky Martin livin' Evita loca on Broadway in '12

NEW YORK (AP)—Ricky Martin is heading to Argentina by way of "Evita" on Broadway. In the first new Broadway production of the Tony Award-winning musical since its 1979 New York debut, Martin will play the character Che. "I've been blessed with the opportunity to perform on many of the world's largest concert stages, but I've never lost my love for the intimacy of the theater," Martin said in a statement Wednesday. The show's producers also announced that Argentine actress Elena Roger will star as Evita, a role she played on the London stage in 2006 to critical acclaim. The Tim Rice-Andrew Lloyd Webber musical dramatizes the life of Eva Peron, Argentina's glamorous and controversial first lady. The revival of "Evita" is scheduled to open in spring 2012. Michael Grandage will direct, with choreography by Rob Ashford.

Cruise to bring 'Tropic' character back to screen

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Tom Cruise is bringing his foul-mouthed, hairy-handed Hollywood producer character Les Grossman back to the big screen. Paramount Pictures and MTV Films say they're developing a film around the fictional character that Cruise brought to life in 2008's "Tropic Thunder." The 47-year-old actor reprised the role at Sunday's MTV Movie Awards. Cruise and Ben Stiller are among the producers of the film. Paramount said Wednesday that Cruise is in talks to play Grossman. Cruise can next be seen on screen in "Knight and Day," due in theaters later this month.

Reluctant commuter feels torn between great boss, closer job

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I am 23 years old and I adore my job and my boss. There is only one problem—I must commute more than an hour each way, and the drive (especially with gas prices these days) is killing me.

I have been with the company for more than a year, and I recently heard that the parent corporation is hiring for a position similar to mine in the town that I live in. I desperately want to apply for the transfer, but I have no idea how to approach the subject with my boss, since I feel I owe her so much. She hired me for the position when I was fresh out of college with absolutely no experience.

Abby, help me! How do I ask to leave a job that I love?

SATISFIED EMPLOYEE IN VALDOSTA, GA.

DEAR EMPLOYEE: You are confusing a business relationship with one that is personal. You are also not the first person to want to leave a job because the commute is tiring and expensive.

Go to your boss, tell her you heard a position is opening up close to home, and that you would like to transfer for the reasons you told me. Then ask if she will put in a good word for you. When she hears why you want to be closer to home, I'm sure she'll do it.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Jonah," and I share a loving and fun relationship. Apparently, I am better than average looking. I know this because people constantly ask my boyfriend, "Wow, how did you get her?" or, "Man, you must pay her to date you!"

I always give Jonah hugs and tell him how attracted I am to him, which is true. My problem is the attention I've been receiving has started to affect HIM. Now he makes comments about how fat he is (he's not), or that his skin is bad (everyone gets zits!), or that I should leave him for someone "better" looking.

Abby, I love this man and want to marry him. How do I convince Jonah that he's my hot, sexy boyfriend whom I love to pieces?

HOT MAMA IN OREGON

DEAR HOT MAMA: I can't script you, but when Jonah starts putting himself down, try something like this: "You're not giving yourself—or me—enough credit. Life isn't a beauty contest. You appeal to me on MANY levels, and your looks are just part of the reason I'm attracted to you. Those other men are jealous of what we have together, and none of them can hold a candle to you."

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for a year. It's my second marriage and his first. Because we were unable to afford a wedding at the time, we married at the courthouse.

We are now having a wedding so we can share this with our family and friends.

Some of our friends and family think we are wasting money or looking for gifts. We have not registered anywhere and have made no gift requests. Are we making a mistake? Should we simply have taken the money we're spending on this special day and put it toward a trip for us?

BLUSHING BRIDE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR BLUSHING BRIDE: Your mistake may have been in calling your celebration a "wedding." If you had called it a "renewal of vows with family and friends" it might have been more warmly received. As to whether you should have taken the money you're spending and used it for a honeymoon, I think it's a little late to be second-guessing yourself—don't you?

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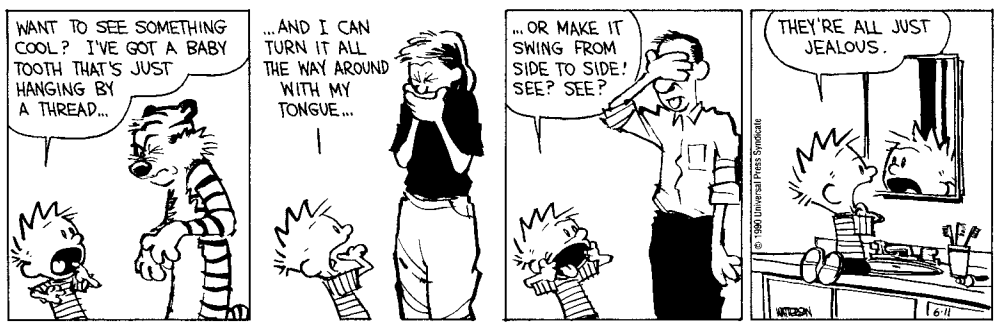
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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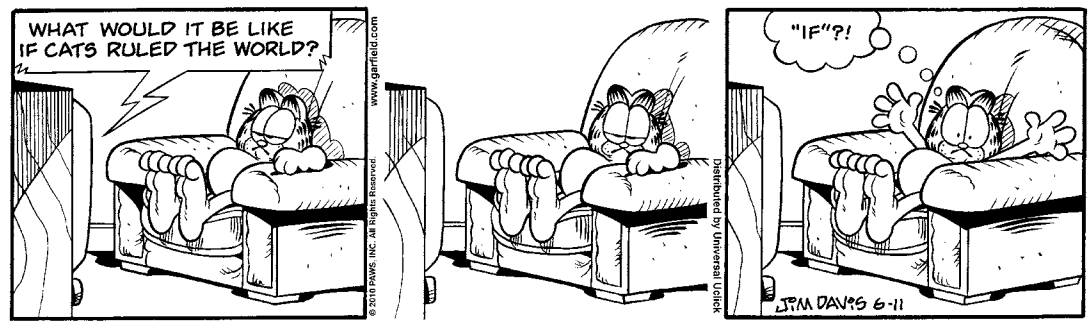
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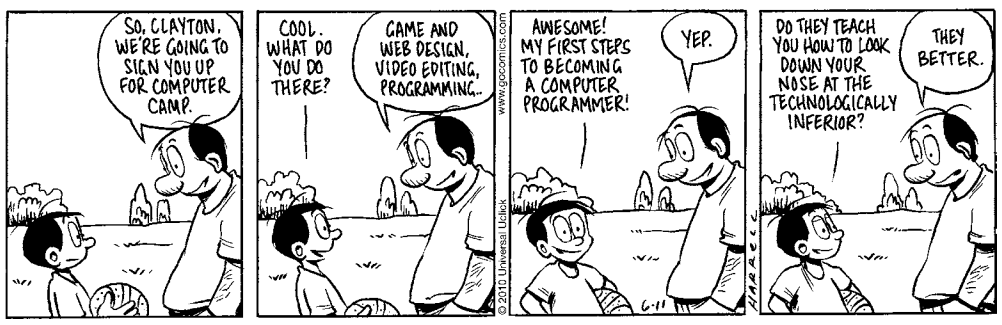
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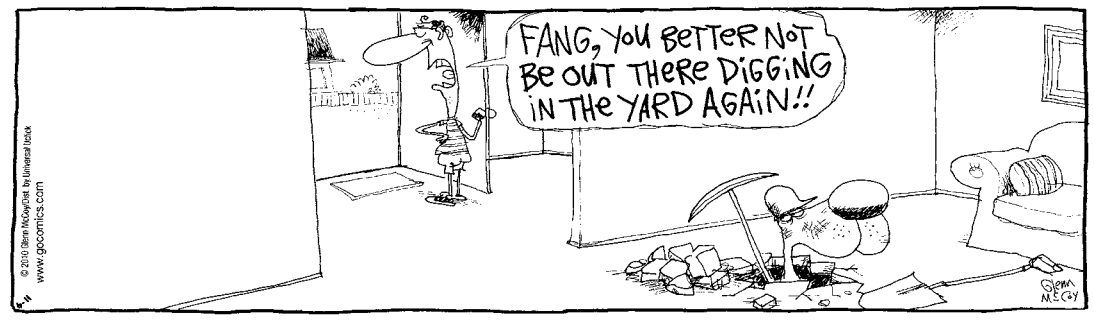
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Type measures
4 Corroded
7 Went sledding, maybe
12 Cowboy's sweetie
13 Peregrinate
14 Ultraviolet filter
15 Serengeti critter
16 Congratulates with a slap
18 Novelist Radcliffe
19 Anticipate
20 Tatters
22 Exist
23 Willy Wonka's creator
27 Have
29 Fairway shots
31 Isaac Newton's inspiration
34 Fix a text
35 Onions' kin
37 First lady
38 Prong
39 Fuss
41 Crooned
45 "All My Children" role
47 Hide-hair link
48 Cat's stat
52 G-man's org.
53 Scent
54 Indivisible
55 Poorly
56 Started
57 Afternoon social
58 Aviv preceder

DOWN
1 Actress Samantha
2 Food from heaven
3 Threw, in a way
4 Turkish title
5 Formosa's other name
6 Bergen or Buchanan
7 Hay storage area
8 9mm submachine gun
9 Head of st.
10 Compass dir.
11 — Moines
17 Wasted no time
21 Figure out
23 Thin coins
24 Rd.
25 Coop occupant
26 Leary's drug
28 Tiny
30 Cleric's title (Abbr.)
31 Performance
32 — Beta Kappa
33 Wrestling win
36 Rani's wrap
37 Of a Tertiary epoch
40 Duffer's digging
42 Not suited (for)
43 Aristocratic
44 Barbecue surface
45 Verve
46 On an ocean liner, maybe
48 Apprehend
49 Rage
50 Yule quaff
51 Ostrich's cousin

Solution time: 25 mins.

G	A	P	■	S	W	I	M	■	R	A	V	E
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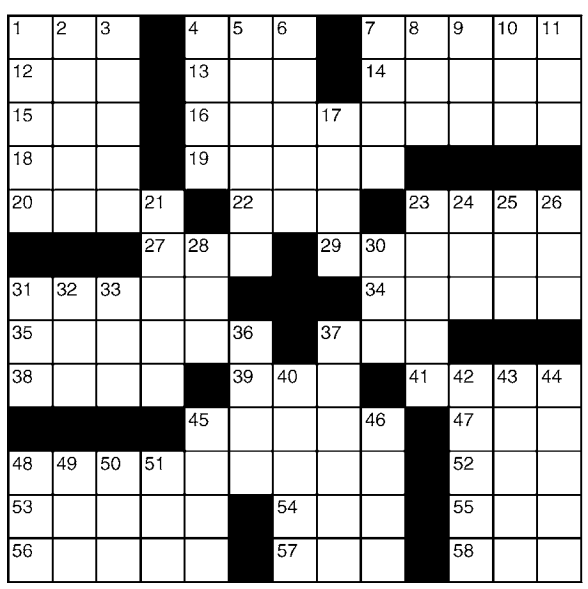

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Happy Birthday: Take hold of your future. You have to be forthright and engaging if you want to persuade people to bank on you and your talent. Your skills must be developed and utilized to the fullest. Your ability to visualize and explain what you see to others will put you ahead and help you succeed. Your numbers are 6, 10, 20, 22, 38, 31, 40

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Concentrate on the goals you have set and don't look sideways or back. It's full steam ahead if you want to be successful. You have lots to offer, but giving too much for nothing will not help you reach your target. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You can resolve any troublesome issues in your personal life if you address them directly. Choose diplomacy over stubbornness. A creative idea you have been mulling over can bring in extra cash. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't hide your feelings when it is necessary to get them out in the open in order to fix trouble spots in your life. Be honest with yourself as well as with the people involved. A little romancing will go a long way if you are trying to impress someone. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Be persistent, truthful and to the point. Facts must be laid out for everyone to see. A money deal can be exceptionally good for you if it brings with it more comfort, less stress and a new outlook. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Help is on the way and your plans can be executed. There is change personally, professionally and geographically that will help pave the way to bigger and better opportunities. Don't let someone's bragging cause insecurities. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep your secrets from people you do business or financial transactions with and you will bypass any misconceptions. Spend time networking and drumming up deals. Get any promises in writing. Play to win, but play fairly. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A trip or talks will lead to advancement and the potential to acquire what you need to make some alterations to your life and your future. Romance should fill your evening hours. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't be secretive about the way you feel or your intentions. Present, promote and move forward with whatever personal or professional plans you are into. Love is in the stars and sharing your plans with someone special will be reason to celebrate. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't hold back or you may end up looking worse. You'll have to explain your personal situation if you want to avoid a feud. Travel may entice you but it will be costly and lead to a work-related problem. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): If you let anger take over, you will miss the point being made. Physical activity or a challenge that can occupy your mind will ease tension and help you avoid making a mistake when dealing with friends, relatives or children. A financial deal can go either way depending on how you handle it. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Fix up your surroundings and it will have a beneficial effect on the way you do and see things. Learn or develop a skill that can help you advance. You have to put in an effort to get a return. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You may be a little disjointed and inconsistent but that will attract interest from someone who sees your potential and your adaptability. It's best to wait and find out the facts before taking action. Spend time mastering something new. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	3	1	4	7	6	5	2	8
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6	5	4	3	8	1	2	9	7
7	8	9	2	4	5	6	1	3
3	1	2	6	9	7	8	4	5

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/10

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL EXISTENCE: REALITY? **Solution: 10 letters**

S	L	G	L	R	E	A	L	E	E	S	E	I	K	S
C	U	I	N	N	L	S	E	C	I	V	E	D	I	T
R	F	P	G	I	I	M	A	G	E	D	R	G	H	F
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A	N	N	C	R	T	H	I	A	T	A	I	A	E	O
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Y	C	Ⓓ	A	J	E	E	T	M	S	A	N	N	N	P
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Yesterday's Answer: Leak

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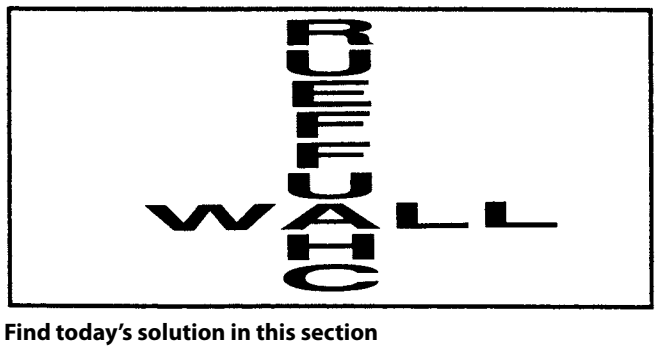

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Blackhawks win first Stanley Cup since 1961

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—For a moment, Patrick Kane was the only one who knew the Chicago Blackhawks had won the Stanley Cup.

As he skated to the other end of the ice, his teammates quickly joined in the celebration that ended 49 years of frustration for the Blackhawks without a title.

Kane sneaked the puck past Michael Leighton 4:06 into overtime and stunned Philadelphia to lift Chicago to a 4-3 overtime win in Game 6 on Wednesday night for their first championship since 1961.

No one but the Blackhawks appeared to realize what was going on for a few frozen moments. Kane and his linemates knew the puck had found the side of the net. The goal light never went on, but that didn't stop most of the Blackhawks from storming the ice and mobbing each other in celebration.

"I tried to sell the celebration a little bit," Kane said. "Everyone came down, and I think some of the guys were still kind of iffy to see if the puck was in the net."

Oh, it was in, a brief video replay confirmed—and the Blackhawks revival from the bottom of the NHL to the elite was complete.

"I believed in him," said captain Jonathan Toews, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoff MVP. "I don't think he would have thrown his gloves off like that if he wasn't 100 percent sure."

Kane will go down as scoring one of the biggest goals in team history.

He raised his arms right away and skated behind the net, knowing the goal was good. While the Flyers sat on the bench in stunned silence with confused looks, the Blackhawks began to celebrate in their own end around goaltender Antti Niemi.

"I was just hoping to God it was just an actual goal or we would be celebrating for nothing," Toews said.

Before reaching the group hug, Kane stooped to pick up some loose ice shavings—looking like a mischievous kid on Christmas ready to throw a snowball in the backyard.

"There's so many great things about winning a Stanley Cup. This is it," Toews said. "This is the best feeling you can ever get. I just can't believe it's happened."

Toews was first to touch the Cup, taking it from commissioner Gary Bettman and hoisting it above his head in triumph. Marian Hossa, whose last two attempts at a title were denied the last two years with Detroit and Pittsburgh, was next. He lifted it and bench-pressed the big trophy, snapping his head back in exhilaration.

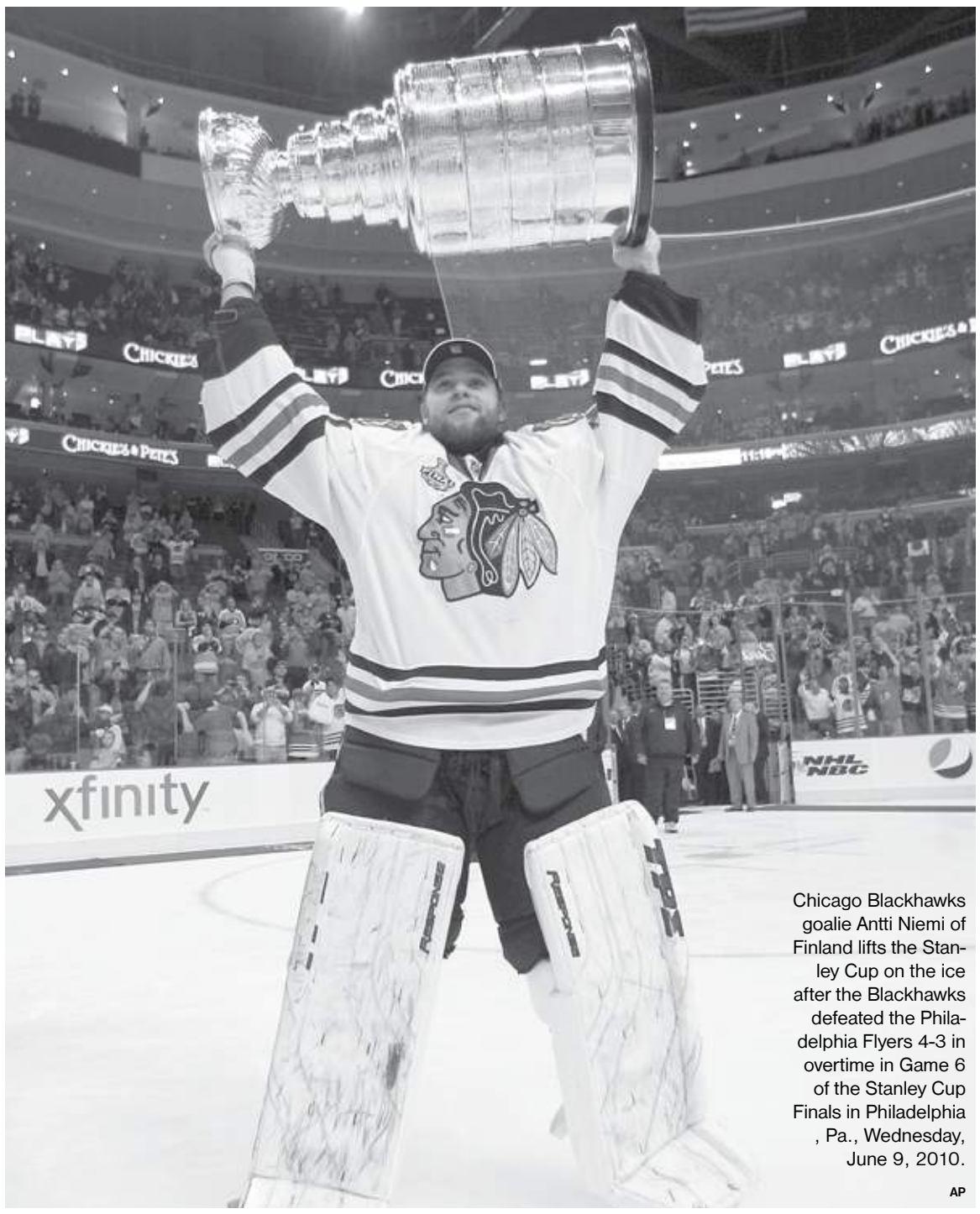
"I put it on my shoulder. What a relief," Hossa said.

Chicago won its first Stanley Cup since Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita led the way 49 years ago.

It ends the longest active championship drought in the NHL. Kane is the first player to score the Stanley Cup clinching goal in overtime since Jason Arnott did it for New Jersey at Dallas in 2000.

"I heard the sound, it was a funny sound," coach Joel Quenneville said of the Cup-winner. "Nobody knew where the puck was. Kaner thought it was in."

Leighton stopped 37 shots—just not the last one.



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Antti Niemi of Finland lifts the Stanley Cup on the ice after the Blackhawks defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals in Philadelphia , Pa., Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

AP

"I went to the corner and saw a guy drive the net," he said. "I thought he was going to pass it but he threw it at my feet and it went underneath me."

Fitting in a series where neither team had much wiggle room, this one needed OT.

Just when it appeared the Flyers season was over, Scott Hartnell squeezed out another clutch goal.

With the offense revved into desperation mode, Hartnell was leveled by Toews right in front of the crease as he knocked a loose puck in to make it 3-3 with 3:59 left in the third.

He raised his arms while flat on his back.

Knocked down, never out.

The Flyers faithful turned their white towels into rally symbols only moments after they could have been used for surrender.

The fans politely applauded when the game was over, but the few thousand who stuck around booed as the Blackhawks took their turns hoisting the silver trophy. A few hundred Blackhawks fans went wild as the team took a picture with the Cup.

Flyers coach Peter Laviolette never saw the winning goal.

"I saw one of their players skate across the ice like he had won something," he said. "I got a little pit in my stomach."

The Blackhawks ruthlessly attacked the Flyers and it paid off with two should-have-been-stopped goals against Leighton.

Leighton, who had been flawless at home this postseason, couldn't come up with two crucial saves and that helped put Chicago in the driver's seat.

Andrew Ladd, an injury scratch the first three games, deflected Niklas Hjalmarsson's slap shot from the circle with 2:17 left in the second. That made it 3-2 and nearly stood as the winner

His goal followed Patrick Sharp's soft wrister that scooted under Leighton's left skate to tie it a 2 midway through the period. Sharp's 11th goal of the postseason came during a 4-on-4.

Niemi was barely tested.

Daniel Briere beat him for a 2-1 lead when he came streaking down the right side and went high glove side off a crisp pass from Ville Leino with 12 minutes left.

Unprecedented hype for US-England match

IRENE, South Africa (AP)—American soccer players have been on magazine covers and the nightly news shows in ever increasing numbers. The World Cup is receiving unprecedented promotion in the United States.

"For the last six months all we've seen is U.S.-England," Landon Donovan said Wednesday. "And so, if you were a casual sports fan at home, you might think that this was the World Cup final, U.S. vs. England."

But it's not. Saturday's much-hyped game is just the beginning.

It's the first competitive meeting between the nations since the 1-0 American upset in the first round of the 1950 World Cup. Fans in both nations seem to be fascinated with the opposing team.

Well, that's natural given how much the U.S. and England are alike. As Winston Churchill said: "Two nations divided by a common language."

"It's an unprecedented moment, partly because of who we're playing, partly because of where the game is in the United States. Frankly, partly because of the promotion on television in Spanish and English," U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati said. "So there will be a lot of people watching this game on Saturday, and it's one of those opportunities that we don't get very often."

England's stars are known from Broadway to Brighton. Wayne Rooney, Steven Gerrard, Frank Lampard and John Terry and other Premier League stars are seen even more on U.S. television than they are on British TV.

And top American players such as Donovan, Clint Dempsey and Tim Howard have become well known in the Premier League, as familiar in the colors of Everton and Fulham as they are in the red, white and blue.

While all the buzz may be about Saturday's game in Rustenberg, U.S. players say are giving equal emphasis to their other two first-round games, against Slovenia on June 18 and vs. Algeria on June 23. The England game is primary only because it comes first.

"I think we have a good understanding about the way it works in the first round, with three matches determining who moves on," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said. "Our ability to move through those games and those situations is something that we have experience with."

Four years ago, the U.S. was routed 3-0 by the Czech Republic in its opener. Even with a 1-1 draw against Italy, the Americans still had a chance to advance. Only with a 2-1 defeat to the Ghana was the United States eliminated.

Players know that a team has a good chance to reach the knockout phase with four points and almost surely will with five. Players say they won't get too high or too low after the opener.

They think back to last year's Confederations Cup, when the U.S. started with a 3-1 loss to Italy and a 3-0 defeat against Brazil. To reach the semifinals, the Americans needed to beat Egypt by at least three goals while the world champion Italians lost to Brazil by at least three. The U.S. responded with a 3-0 victory, and Brazil won by the same score.

Then came one of the great upsets in American soccer history. Jozy Altidore and Clint Dempsey got goals in 2-0 victory over Spain, ending streaks of 15 wins and 35 unbeaten games for the European champion.

"Obviously there's a lot of talk about this first game, but, you know, we've proved last year that it is about the three games, that really matters as a collective," defender Jay DeMerit said. "These next two games are probably even more important for us. If we can get points from those two games, then we'll probably be through."

Last June, the U.S. took a 2-0 halftime lead over Brazil in the Confederations Cup final only to lose 3-2. While players were disappointed, Saturday's match is far more significant. And back home, more people are likely to be watching the U.S. team than in any game since at least the 1994 second-round World Cup loss to Brazil. That was at Stanford, Calif., when the Americans were the host.

"This game is about where the sport is in the U.S.," Gulati said. "It's water cooler talk. People are clearly talking about the U.S.-England game. You know, whether it's former students of mine that are writing to me or people that aren't normally involved in the game. They'll be doing it that day. They'll be doing it the next day. The question is what's happening on July 15? And so that's the opportunity we have. To get a whole bunch of people that might be casual observers, to get turned on by it, to get turned on by the hype.

"And I don't think there's any doubt that Americans are now more part of the World Cup and the international scene that they've been. And ticket buying and ratings will show that."

Donovan prefers to concentrate on the big picture.

"We have to be ready to react no matter what happens on Saturday," he said.

The 1950 win at Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on Joe Gaetjens' goal, was celebrated in the 2005 movie "The Game of Their Lives." Donovan didn't want to imagine what would happen if the U.S. wins again.

"I don't know who the hell would play me in a movie," he said. "I like Johnny Depp, though."

Masterson blanks former team; Indians rout Red Sox

CLEVELAND (AP)—Justin Masterson beat his former team by pitching a two-hitter for his first career shutout as the Cleveland Indians routed the Boston Red Sox 11-0 Wednesday.

Travis Hafner hit his 10th career grand slam—first since May 7, 2007—in an eight-run eighth inning against Boston's bullpen.

Masterson (2-5) faced the Red Sox for the first time. It was the first complete-game shutout by an Indians pitcher against Boston since Jack McDowell in 1996.

Masterson was sent from Boston to Cleveland with two minor league pitchers for Victor Martinez just before last year's trade deadline.

Rays 10, Blue Jays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, David Price became the American League's first nine-game winner as Tampa Bay hit three home runs in a victory over Toronto.

Dioner Navarro, Ben Zobrist and Carlos Pena hit solo shots for the Rays, who have won the first two games of a three-game set to take their ninth consecutive series from Toronto. Sean Rodriguez had three hits and three RBIs.

Price (9-2) allowed one run and four hits in six innings with five walks and four strikeouts. The left-hander has won all three of his starts this season against the Blue Jays, giving up three runs—one earned—over 23 innings.

White Sox 15, Tigers 3

At Chicago, Ramon Castro and Brent Lillibridge hit three-run homers as Chicago routed Detroit.

Castro connected in a seven-run fourth inning and Lillibridge's pinch-hit shot came in a seven-run eighth. Alexei Ramirez also homered and Omar Vizquel had three hits and drove in three runs.

Freddy Garcia (6-3) improved to 18-6 lifetime against the Tigers.

Rick Porcello (4-6) allowed a season-high eight runs on eight hits in 3 1-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

Yankees 4, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, CC Sabathia allowed two runs over seven innings in another winning effort against Baltimore, and Robinson Cano contributed three hits for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees bounced back from an early 2-0 deficit to win their 10th straight against Baltimore. The Yankees are 10-1 against the Orioles this season and have outscored them 65-29.

Sabathia (6-3) defeated Baltimore for the second time in a week. The left-hander is 13-1 lifetime against the Orioles, including four wins this season.

Joba Chamberlain worked the eighth and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his 14th save.

Rangers 12, Mariners 2

At Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton homered and drove in three runs, and C.J. Wilson pitched seven effective innings as Texas beat Seattle.

Hamilton's two-run shot keyed a six-run burst in the second inning against Ian Snell (0-5). The Rangers are 7-2 against the Mariners this season.

Hamilton has three homers and 10 RBIs in his last six games.

Twins 6, Royals 2

At Minneapolis, Carl Pavano pitched eight strong innings and Delmon Young homered as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Joe Mauer hit an RBI double and Jason Kubel had two hits to back Pavano (6-6), who lost three of his previous four starts. The right-hander limited Kansas City to two runs and six hits while striking out one. He retired his last nine batters.

Angels 7, Athletics 1

At Oakland, Joe Saunders threw a complete game, Erick Aybar had a two-run triple among his four hits and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Oakland Athletics.

Dallas Braden dropped to 0-4 with a 4.75 ERA in six starts since his perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9.

Saunders (5-6) took a shutout bid into the ninth before giving up Kevin Kouzmanoff's RBI single. Saunders, who shut out the A's 4-0 on May 14 in Braden's first start after that perfect game, was efficient all night this time in an impressive 101-pitch outing that took 2 hours, 26 minutes.

Juan Rivera homered in the eighth as the first-place Angels rebounded from a 10-1 loss a night earlier for their seventh win in eight games — and seventh in eight at Oakland.

Cubs 9, Brewers 4

At Milwaukee, Derrek Lee hit his 300th homer, Marlon Byrd and Geovany Soto hit two each as the Chicago Cubs powered past the Milwaukee Brewers.

Chicago's five homers marked its biggest outburst this season and were more than the Cubs hit in the previous nine games combined.

All the offense helped starter Carlos Zambrano (2-4) win his first game since returning to the rotation and overshadowed the fact that he wasn't very sharp again.

Dodgers 4, Cardinals 3

At Los Angeles, Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer and Blake DeWitt also had two RBIs as Los Angeles swept a three-game series from the St. Louis Cardinals.

James Loney tied a career high with four hits, helping Los Angeles extend St. Louis' losing streak to a season-worst four.

The Dodgers won for the 23rd time in 30 games.

Clayton Kershaw (6-3) struck out 10 in seven innings. Jonathan Broxton gave up a leadoff single to Albert Pujols in the ninth and a two-out, ground-rule double to Yadier Molina before retiring Randy Winn on a grounder for his 16th save in 18 chances.

Nationals 7, Pirates 5

At Washington, Ryan Zimmerman grounded a go-ahead single off the shin of Pittsburgh reliever D.J. Carrasco in the seventh inning as Washington, still buzzing after Stephen Strasburg's dazzling debut, beat the Pirates.

A night after a sellout crowd of 40,315 watched Strasburg strike out 14 Pirates in winning his big league debut, only 18,876 fans turned out. They saw Pittsburgh's Brad Lincoln, the fourth overall pick in the 2006 draft, give up five runs in six innings in his first major league game.

Reds 6, Giants 3

At Cincinnati, leadoff man Orlando Cabrera got the National League's's top offense going with three doubles and a single and Aaron Harang rebounded from his shortest start of the season to lead Cincinnati over San Francisco.

Cabrera scored three times. Scott Rolen hit a pair of RBI doubles and Jonny Gomes drove in three.

Harang (5-5) gave up five hits and two runs in seven innings. The right-hander lasted a season-low four innings in his previous appearance.

Avery Johnson agrees to coach Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Avery Johnson says he has agreed to become the coach of the New Jersey Nets, the NBA's worst team.

In a text message to The Associated Press on Wednesday, Johnson said he thinks the Nets will announce the deal Thursday.

Nets president and general manager Rod Thorn did not immediately respond when asked to comment on Johnson's text. In an earlier e-mail to the AP, he said he "will have something to say" Thursday.

The current ESPN analyst coached Dallas for three-plus seasons, going 194-70 in the regular season and 23-24 in the playoffs. He guided the Mavs to the NBA finals in 2006, but was fired after a first-round playoff series loss to New Orleans in 2008.

Johnson will take over a team that posted a league worst 12-70 record and set a league-record opening the season with 18 straight losses.

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Liberation Day softball tourney set next month

The Pohnpei Amateur Softball League will host the Liberation Day Tournament for men and women on July 9, 10, and 11 at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The entrance fee for the tourney is $150 per team.

In addition, a coaches, managers, and teams representatives meeting will be held at 6:30pm on June 21 at the pavilion behind the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium for interested participants.

For more information about the Pohnpei Amateur Softball League, contact Alkantro G. Sarapio at 322-0422, Frank Shiro at 287-3732, Clair Sablan at 287-7352, or Tony Luzama at 256-0141. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

KIMBALL

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third), and 400m (5:28.08/third) freestyle events, and 200m backstroke (3:17.18/second).

Akimura finished second in the 50m breaststroke swim in the boys' 9 to 10 age group with a record-time of 47.21 seconds. His previous personal best time was 50.07 seconds.

The 9-year-old Akimaru forced a tie for third place with Tsunami Saipan's Hiroto Yanai in the overall standings in their age group. Akimaru and Yanai earned 41 points apiece. Tsunami Saipan's Kaito Yanai topped the age group with his 54 points, while Tsunami Guam's Kai Arikayos was runner-up with 44 points.

Akimura collected points from 100m freestyle (1:16.21/9 points); 50m butterfly (39.98 seconds/7 points); 200m individual medley (3:18.04/5 points); and 50m freestyle (35.58 seconds/5 points).

Two other SSC swimmers joined the Guam swim meet with Victoria Chentsova competing in five events and Grace Kimball participating in six races.

Chentsova swam in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400, and 800m freestyle events in the girls' 11 to 12 age group and was ranked fifth in her age group after earning 35 points. Tsunami Guam's Michelle Ysrael won the age group with her 51 points.

Grace Kimball joined the 400m, 200m, 100m and 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 200m IM in the girls' 13 to 14 age group and finished fourth in the division.

Overall, SSC swimmers competed in 23 races and went home with 23 ribbons.

SSC also joined the 20th Annual Cocos Crossing, which was held the day after the swim races at the pool. The 2.5-mile ocean swim was from Cocos Island to Merizo pier. Chentsova finished second in the girls U14 with a time of 54:39, while Grace Kimball came in at third after clocking in at 54:41. Akimura and Andrew Kimball posted identical times of 54:47.

SCHULTZ

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were too busy raising our young children and both putting in a lot of work hours as new teachers do," Brenda said, adding they experienced unfortunate incidents in their first few weeks on Saipan.

"We had some mishaps the first week with one of our children eating doni peppers and splitting his head open on the concrete window steel. But our neighbors and landlords, the extended Guerrero family, were so incredibly kind and helped us out even sitting with me in the hospital while they stitched up Crosby," said Brenda.

A few years after the family settled in, Brenda yearned for the freshly cut grass of a soccer field.

"I ended up missing soccer very much and joined a group of men who had pick up games in the parks in 2003. They were so kind and generous to let me join them," said Brenda, who played football from elementary to college, but gave it up when her kids came.

The next year, more female players joined her at the pitch and in 2005, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association was created with Brenda and her family actively supporting NMIFA's program.

Brenda played and coached for Paire Football Club, while husband Rob umpired games. Madison and Crosby suited up for Matansa before moving to Paire and they also umpired in age group tournaments. Kenyon played football, too with Paire.

Big loss

NMIFA president Jerry Tan has only good words for the Schultz family for their big contribution to CNMI football.

"The Schultz family will be a big loss to our football community as the entire family is active with NMIFA as players, coaches, and referees since the inception of NMIFA five years ago," Tan said. "Brenda started our women's league when she was a NMIFA board member four years ago, and she was an active player.

"Rob had been contributing so much to our referee committee and was even selected to attend a very important workshop in Japan last summer. On behalf of NMIFA, I would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to the entire Schultz family for their contribution to the development of football in the CNMI for the past five years," Tan added.

Thank you

Brenda admitted she and her family will miss Saipan, which has been home to them since 1997.

"We will miss our friends, the sunny weather, pristine beaches, recreational opportunities, all the diversity and cultural enrichment we so often take for granted, and those beautiful Saipan sunsets. We will miss Alice Rueben and her family who were our youngest son Kenyon's second family and dear friends to us all," Brenda said.

"To the women's football community, you are all amazing, strong, and role models for our girls," she added.

Brenda hopes these people will continue the work they started.

"The women's league was built through teamwork and volunteerism. Continue volunteering and helping out so that our young players will have a wonderful league to grow with. As a player, I would like to thank the current women's committee members—Lindsay Davis, Becca Newman-Schroeder, Carrie Schuler, Anna Manibusan, and Natalie Hill. Thank you also to the referee committee chair Cathy Anderson, all the NMIFA executive directors, and coaches," she said.

Gift

Brenda considered being part of the growth of CNMI football a gift.

"Through the vision of the executive board and the hard work of so many volunteers, football on this island has become huge. Almost every day, there are adults and children playing soccer all over. It is amazing, and it was a gift to be able to witness it," Schultz said.

She added although they will be away, they will continue to rally behind the CNMI Team and NMIFA's program.

"We will always be a huge fan of CNMI football and can't wait to see us win an EAFF tournament someday. I would like to see the CNMI teams continue to focus on and develop our youth players. I want to see the girls leagues full from U6 to U18," Brenda said.

Brenda also thanked tournament organizers and supporters who gave her family "gifts" during raffles at the end of every event they participated in.

"We have made 5K fun runs a family activity with a focus on finishing rather than winning. The kids love the raffles and honestly that is usually the reason they wake up early to do the runs. So to all of you who sponsored the raffles, thank you," Brenda said.

"We will miss Saipan terribly. There are so many kind, generous, and incredibly talented people here who have made a tremendous difference in our lives. You will always be in our hearts," she added.

SONICS

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Palacios dropped a dime to answer back for the Sonics.

But Avelino rained a late bomb from downtown that shot the G-Rollers ahead by one.

The Sonics had the ball at their end of the court and had a couple of opportunities to score, but the G-Rollers, reluctant to foul, held on for the win as the last shot bounced twice off the rim.

Sonics 65, G-Rollers 50

Earlier in the 15-and-under division, the Sonics soundly broke down the G-Rollers and coasted to a 65-50 win with a healthy dose of support from their bench.

Nicko Salem, John Darag, and Bryl Alegre each scored six and Christain Mizer came out with five points for the Sonics in the opening half.

The G-Roller's Angelo Limes was good for 14 points in the first, while teammates Erick Dela Rosa, Hughen Cholyman, and Stacey Escueta each scored two points.

In the second half, Limes finished strong with 23 more points, but could not get enough of his teammates involved to support his effort.

Mizer contributed a solid nine in the second half and the Sonics continued to spread the ball around to maintain a comfortable 10-point margin throughout the majority of the second half. Sean Escalada finished strong with six points for the Sonics as the clock wound down with the win in the bag.

The UBA youth caging resumes tonight with G-Rollers facing the Blazers in the 15-and-under first game starting at 6pm. It will be followed by the 18-and-under game between Hi-5 and Sparks at 7:30pm.

First Game

Sonics 65 – Mizer 14, Darag 10, Escalada 9, Salem 8, Alegre 6, San Nicolas 5, De Guzman 4, Tudela 4, Aranda 3, Villanueva 2.

G-Rollers 50 – Limes 36, Dela Rosa 6, Cholyman 3, Mancoa 2, Escueta 2, Igitol 1

Scoring by halves: 35-23, 65-50**.**

Second Game

G-Rollers 60 –Hambro 13, Avelino 12, Torres 10, Palacios 7, Aughenbaugh 6, Danas 6, Talalemoto 3, Tudela 3.

Sonics 59 – Ecalnea 18, Maratita 11, Ajoste 9, Sula 6, Palacios 5, Byun 4, Cadiang 4, Villanueva 4, Jung 2, Norita 2.

Scoring by halves: 24-25, 60-59.

BUD

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pecially since the use of instant replay is not allowed except for home runs (see, there's already an exception). But in this case Pandora's box would stay shut. Since such as a decision involved the final out, there would be no further replay of the game which the Tigers won 3-0

Consider this logic: If umpire Jim Joyce is free to make a mistake, then so is Bud. By allowing an incorrect ruling to stand, Selig could decide to make the wrong decision *which would be okay.*

Selig could perhaps take a page from Ford Frick, the commissioner who came up with an asterisk for Roger Maris after he hit 61 home runs in a 162 game season, to be distinguished from Babe Ruth's record of 60 in 154 games. Perhaps not since that asterisk was later removed due to its unpopularity.

Joyce's teary-eyed apology and Galarraga's good sportsmanship turned what could have been an ugly story into one of character, grace, and good manners. That by itself is more significant than a name on a list.

In the end, that particular game may be the most famous "perfect" game since Don Larsen threw one in the 1956 World Series. However, there isn't much controversy over that one despite video evidence that the last strike wasn't even close to the strike zone and the umpire "gave" him that one.

Dallas Braden anyone? He threw one last month and has slipped back into anonymity. Mike Witt and Tom Browning ring a bell? They each threw a perfect game in our lifetime, assuming you are not a kid.

Here's the bottom line: umpires are supposed to get it right. In this case, the commissioner has a chance to make it correct with no adverse impact. It could be a one-time special exception, applicable only to the final out of a perfect game.

As someone who opposes the designated hitter and artificial turf, I consider myself a baseball purist. Rules are rules. And baseball is filled with mistakes, most of them unintentional. But in this case, there is something at stake even more important than rules. It's about making the right call.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Wade, MIA	5	62	27	166	33.2
Anthony, DEN	6	64	50	184	30.7
Bryant, LAL	17	178	110	501	29.5
James, CLE	11	106	88	320	29.1
Rose, CHI	5	57	18	134	26.8
Nowitzki, DAL	6	58	40	160	26.7
Durant, OKC	6	43	54	150	25.0
Williams, UTA	10	67	89	243	24.3
Stoudemire, PHX	16	124	107	355	22.2
Westbrook, OKC	6	43	32	123	20.5
Billups, DEN	6	37	37	122	20.3
Gasol, LAL	17	130	83	343	20.2
Richardson, PHX	16	112	44	316	19.8
Boozer, UTA	10	89	19	197	19.7
Butler, DAL	6	43	25	118	19.7
Ginobili, SAN	10	58	58	194	19.4
Pierce, BOS	18	110	97	349	19.4
Aldridge, POR	6	40	33	114	19.0
Duncan, SAN	10	78	33	190	19.0
Nelson, ORL	14	91	51	266	19.0

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Thomas, CHA	15	24	.625
Howard, ORL	86	140	.614
Bynum, LAL	65	113	.575
Millsap, UTA	70	122	.574
Gasol, LAL	130	230	.565
Wade, MIA	62	110	.564
Nowitzki, DAL	58	106	.547
Boozer, UTA	89	168	.530
Noah, CHI	28	53	.528
Horford, ATL	67	128	.523

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Boozer, UTA	10	33	99	132	13.2
Noah, CHI	5	20	45	65	13.0
Howard, ORL	14	38	117	155	11.1
Gasol, LAL	17	65	123	188	11.1
Camby, POR	6	16	44	60	10.0
Duncan, SAN	10	30	69	99	9.9
James, CLE	11	15	87	102	9.3
Odom, LAL	17	51	105	156	9.2
Horford, ATL	11	28	71	99	9.0
Wallace, CHA	4	2	34	36	9.0

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Williams, UTA	10	102	10.2
Nash, PHX	16	161	10.1
Rondo, BOS	18	178	9.9
James, CLE	11	84	7.6
Rose, CHI	5	36	7.2
Kidd, DAL	6	42	7.0
Wade, MIA	5	34	6.8
Billups, DEN	6	38	6.3
Bryant, LAL	17	105	6.2
Westbrook, OKC	6	36	6.0

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	39	20	.661	—
New York	37	22	.627	2
Boston	35	26	.574	5
Toronto	33	27	.550	6 1/2
Baltimore	16	43	.271	23
Central Division				
Minnesota	35	24	.593	—
Detroit	30	28	.517	4 1/2
Chicago	25	33	.431	9 1/2
Kansas City	24	36	.400	11 1/2
Cleveland	22	36	.379	12 1/2
West Division				
Texas	32	27	.542	—
Los Angeles	33	29	.532	1/2
Oakland	31	30	.508	2
Seattle	23	36	.390	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	34	26	.567	—
Philadelphia	31	26	.544	1 1/2
New York	31	27	.534	2
Washington	29	31	.483	5
Florida	28	31	.475	5 1/2
Central Division				
Cincinnati	34	26	.567	—
St. Louis	33	27	.550	1
Chicago	27	32	.458	6 1/2
Milwaukee	24	35	.407	9 1/2
Houston	24	36	.400	10
Pittsburgh	23	36	.390	10 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	36	24	.600	—
San Diego	34	24	.586	1
San Francisco	32	26	.552	3
Colorado	30	29	.508	5 1/2
Arizona	24	36	.400	12

Yesterday's Games

Washington 7, Pittsburgh 5
Florida at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 3
San Diego at New York, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 4
Houston 6, Colorado 2, 10 innings
Arizona 2, Atlanta 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, St. Louis 3
Cleveland 11, Boston 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 1
Texas 12, Seattle 2
Chicago White Sox 15, Detroit 3
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 2
L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 1

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Saipan 2010 World Cup picks

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REPORTER

The 2010 World Cup will start play today with 32 teams battling for supremacy in the world's most popular sport. While football—or soccer as they call it in the United States—only found traction on Saipan the past several years, that unfamiliarity has not dissuaded resident prognosticators from picking their favorite teams in the quadrennial event in South Africa.

"I think we will see Brazil and Argentina in the finals and it will be a great game, but Brazil should come out on top, again, adding to their already five World Cup victories to date. They have the talent and it looks like Kaka is now healthy and will be in shape, ready to play. Even though I'm picking Brazil to win it, I like Argentina."

Bruce Berline
Lawyer and former CNMI Men's Team member

"I think Spain will win it. Why? They play well as a team and have some of the best players of today's game in Villa, Casillas, and Fabregas—they will all have a huge impact on Spain's assault in the World Cup. I could see the final possibly being between Spain and Italy. My favorite team is of course the Australian team. The Socceroos have a well rounded team and should do well with players like Harry Kewell and Tim Cahill. I would like to see them finish in the Top 5. Argentina has an outside chance of walking away with the victory and Mexico would be good odds for a betting man."

Kieran Daly
Pacific Islands Club manager

"My favorite team is Team USA. They are the underdogs and don't have a lot of respect from other teams, but will try their best to prove otherwise. I like their passion and they dream big. The winner of this World Cup will need a little bit of luck at the right moments. There are a lot of really good teams and it will be fun to watch as many games as possible here on Saipan. Brazil looks great as always and if they keep playing well, they should take the Cup."

Nick Swaim
MP United player

"I think Spain is going to win the World Cup this year. They have some of the best players in the world, including goalkeeper Iker Casillas and strikers David Villa and Fernando Torres. I think this Cup's semifinal round is going to showcase countries with unique styles of play; it will be interesting to see who comes out on top. My favorite team is Brazil. Only Brazilians are able to make grueling athleticism look as graceful as a dance."

Lindsay Davis
Matansa Football Club player/coach

"I would have to flip a coin to decide whether Brazil or Spain will take the Cup. Brazil's creativity and style is always ahead of the curve, but their players don't have the opportunity to play together often. The Brazilians are much sought after by the high-paying European clubs. Spain has the advantage that many of their team members play together on Spanish league clubs and therefore have a noticeable chemistry that comes from shared experience."

Dale Roberts
Inter Godfather's player

"Injuries and age have created numerous question marks for perennial powerhouses, but I think that Brazil has a good shot at pulling it off. As for my favorite team, I've got to root for the United States. I doubt they have much of a shot at winning the Cup, but it would be great if they could open with a win over England. All in all, I'm looking to the world's best teams for an exciting tournament."

Brad Ruszala
Wild Bill's player

"Spain has a lot of talent and I like them a lot but I feel like Argentina has the passion to win the Cup this year. Messi is amazing but the player to watch for me will be Mascherano, who plays midfield. It will be interesting to see Maradona coaching. Of course, I want the U.S. to win but my other favorite is Italy. I've been watching and cheering for Italy since I was a little girl."

Brenda Schultz
Former CNMI National player

"I am not really into soccer, but judging from what have been reported, it will be a battle among the usual powerhouse teams—Brazil, Italy, France, and Germany. But I will be rooting for the sentimental favorite, the U.S."

Jeff Race
CNMI Team tennis coach

"I think Spain will win the World Cup, but I'll be rooting the whole time for my favorite team, Team USA."

Rebecca Newman Schroeder
Paire Football Club player

"I think Spain will win the World Cup, but I am cheering for the USA."

Zoe Jewell
Paire player

"I think Germany will surprise most folks and come away with the win this year. Mexico is one of my favorite teams in the Cup this year, but I am also a fan of Spain."

Greg Borja
Independents coach

UFO 3-on-3 caging this weekend

In observance of the 112th Philippine Independence Day, United Filipino Organization CNMI Inc. is going to hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament this weekend.

Elimination round will be on June 11 and 12 at Garapan Basketball Court while the championship game and awards ceremony will be held at the Civic Center basketball court on June 13.

Besides the title match, UFO will also host a 3-point shootout and half-court shooting contest.

The event is open only to overseas Filipino workers or players with Filipino lineage. The tournament is open to all age group.

Entrance fee is $50 per team and each squad is allowed to have a maximum of five players. The champion team will receive $300 plus medal or trophy. Prizes will depend on the number of entries and donors. Rules will also depend on the number of teams. A 20-team field will allow organizers to use a double-elimination format for the caging.

For more information, contact Paul Madriaga at 287-4501, Olive Yana at 285-7893, Annamae 483-5237, or Melvin Malvar at 789-2101. ***(UFO)***

Seaside Grill Volleyball Weekend starts today

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The 12th Annual Seaside Grill Volleyball Weekend begins play tonight at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan sand courts.

Registration for the three-day tournament is set for 9am followed by a designated daily warm-up time. The first games are scheduled to start daily at 9:45am.

The first of two divisions includes the four-person co-ed, which goes down this Friday, June 11, and finishes up on Saturday, June 12,. Then on Sunday, June 13, the men's and women's doubles competition will wrap up the weekend. Notably, games may start on Friday night depending on the number of entries.

All players must be at least 16 years of age and the entry fees will be $15 per player for Saturday and $20 per player on Sunday with a $5 discount for NMIVA Members. Water park pass, drinks, and lots of volleyball are included with entry.

The deadline to sign up is Friday, June 11, where coincidently a 5pm to 7pm happy hour will be occurring at PIC's Seaside Grill.

Entry forms can be obtained online under the "Tournaments" tab on the www.nmivolleyball.org website.

The Seaside Grill Volleyball Weekend will start in a pool play format and then be adjusted for double elimination, depending on number of teams entered.

FIVB Beach rules 2008-2012 will apply. Court positions can rotate or stay, but the serve must be rotated. In regards to rally scoring, scoring and caps are to be determined based on number of teams that enter.

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Dan Westphal stretches to return the ball during the Marianas Cup in February. Beach volleyball action returns to the Pacific Islands Club Saipan sand court with the staging of the 12th Annual Seaside Grill Volleyball Weekend.

The co-ed division teams are allowed a fifth team member, and at least one girl must be on the court at all times.

In addition, PIC is offering a special sports rate for $80, plus 10 percent tax per room per night based on single/double occupancy. Triple is $105 plus 10 percent tax per room per night.

This offer is good for June 11, 12, and 13. Please contact Kevin Carey at 237-5118 or e-mail at reservations@picsaipan.com for more information about the special rate package.

For more information about the volleyball weekend, contact PIC sports manager Dennis Tababa at 237-5173 or e-mail sportsmanager@picsaipan.com on Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Tyce Mister and Chris Nelson won last year's men's doubles and Melody Matson and Janna Young topped the women's duo division. Pimp Mama members Mark McDonald, Dale Roberts, Owens, Quinn, and Matson won last year's co-ed division.

SGA June Ace Sunday at Laolao west

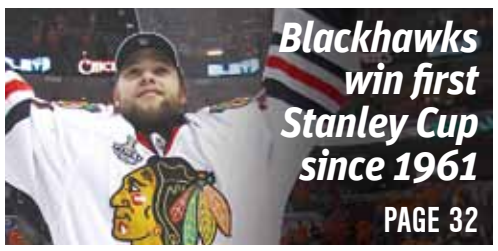
Saipan Golfers Association will be holding its June Ace of the month tournament this Sunday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Tee time is 10:30pm, while check in is at 9:30am.

Winner of the weekend tournament will get the sixth ticket for the 2010 SGA Ace of the Aces Tournament, which will be held at the end of the season. The June Ace will join early qualifiers Larry Deleon Guerrero (May Ace), Vince Rosario (January), Ed Sablan (February), Mariano Fajardo (March), and Steve Jang (April).

The 21-handicapper Deleon Guerrero claimed the May title after tallying a net 63, built on a 41 on the front and 43 on the back and birdies on the par four No. 6 and par five No. 11. Deleon Guerrero had a two-shot win over Sablan, who fired net 65. Sablan, a 23-handicapper, logged a 43 and 45 on the front and back nines. Completing the Top 3 was Jess Castro, who notched a net 67 after scoring birdies on the par five No. 9 and par four No. 18.

For more information, contact Larry Deleon Guerrero at 256-1052 or 287-1052. ***(SGA)***



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Kimball, Akimaru set personal best times

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru and Andrew Kimball had record-breaking swims during the 2010 Guam Swimming Championships held late last month at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

Kimball, who was entered in the boys' 11 to 12 age group competitions, made his record-shattering swim in the 1,500m freestyle after timing in at 21 minutes and 6.40 seconds. He crushed his previous personal best time by about 51 seconds (21:57.10.

The 12-year-old swimmer finished fourth in the overall standings in his age group after collecting 37 points. Tsunami Guam's Jagger Stephens ruled the 11 to 12 age group with her 52 points, followed by Tarakito's Justin Fell (48), and Tsunami Guam's Kazuki Yoshida (44).

Besides the 800m freestyle, Kimball also competed in the 50m (35.07/fifth), 100m (1:17.84/fourth), 200m (2:44.52/

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From left, Kento Akimaru, Andrew Kimball, Victoria Chentsova, and Grace Kimball show the ribbons and plaques they won in the 2010 Guam Swimming Championships late last month.

Schultz family bids farewell to football community

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When the CNMI plays Guam in the 4th Annual Marianas Cup next week, a familiar face in women's football will be missed—Brenda Schultz.

The Schultz family—Brenda and Rob and their children, Madison, Crosby, and Kenyon—is relocating to Seattle and will be leaving Saipan on June 15, four days before the CNMI faces Guam in the 2010 edition of the Marianas Cup. Brenda played for the Commonwealth in the first three staging of the Marianas Cup.

"I won't be able to play in the Marianas Cup. It was time to retire these old legs anyways," said Brenda.

Seven years ago, those legs were still fresh enough for Brenda to join a group of men playing pick-up games at the American Memorial Park.

"We did not join organized sports when we first arrived because we

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Brenda Schultz shows the ball bearing the signatures of players in the NMIFA league during a simple ceremony at the Oleai Sports Complex Field in April, recognizing her contribution to CNMI women's football.

Sonics, G-Rollers win second UBA wave

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Cliffhangers have become the norm in the 2010 Unified Basketball Association Youth League with G-Rollers getting the latest cardiac win, 60-59, against the Sonics in the 18-and-under division Wednesday night.

It was the third one-point victory in the youth competition that started at the Garapan Basketball Court last Monday.

The G-Rollers-Sonics game could have gone either way, but the former, who played from behind virtually the whole game, stole it at the very end.

The score was really close for the whole contest and it seemed like the Sonics were controlling the ball most of the time.

The Sonics' Melvin Cadiang, in green, challenges G-Rollers' guard Jason Palacios as he attempts a last-second kick out pass in Wednesday nights' UBA youth caging game.

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Their feisty press gifted them with a lot of turnovers and at the same time secured their possession of the ball, but they still missed a lot of shots, which allowed the G-Rollers to hang around.

Tristan Ecalnea led the Sonics with 10 points in first half, while Ham Hambro and Pat Torres led the way for the G-Rollers with nine and eight points, respectively. At the end of the half the Sonics held a slim, 25-24, lead.

Kudos to the G-Rollers for their wise high percentage shot selection on the times when they did actually got their shots off.

The score was neck-and-neck all night, but late in the second half, the G-Rollers' Jason Palacios knocked down five big free throws that played a key role in the comeback win.

The fifth free throw tied the game at 55-all, then the Sonics' Elcalnea got to the line and sank both of his freebies to put his team ahead.

Eli Aughenbaugh dropped in a left handed layup for the G-Rollers to knot up the score again and Adrian

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You be Bud

Imagine now that you have a decision to make. You are MLB Commissioner Bud Selig. The issue is what to do with Armando Galarraga's imperfect perfect game.

The facts are indisputable. The Tiger twirler retired the first 26 batters in order. The umpire admitted he made an incorrect call on what should have the 27th and final out.

You have the ability to invoke your special rights and grant Galarraga his place in baseball history as its 21st pitcher in 135 years to throw a perfect game. Wouldn't that be a nice thing to do?

Or would you strictly follow the rule book and let the mistake stand?

Here's where a sports decision, a moral dilemma, can be a reflection of you and your basic attitude.

It would do the nice thing. No one will be hurt.

But Selig did the same thing when steroids became prevalent, which is to say he did nothing.

Bud said he didn't want to create a precedent. He was afraid of the slippery slope of using instant replay to overrule umpire calls, es-

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